

LUST

- lust**, 1. n. Sex desire looked on as wrong; violent, uncontrolled sex desire; violent pleasure in, desire for, something. 2. v.i. Have 1. (*for*). (*last*).
lustre, n. Quality of being polished, bright, beautiful. (*lastə*).
lusty, a. Healthy and strong; full of force. (*lasti*).
lute, n. Old-time instrument of music with cords, somewhat like BANJO. (*lu:t*).
lu'xuriant, a. Strong in growth, great in amount; (of way of writing) overornamented. **lu'xuriate**, v.i. Take great pleasure (*in*). (*lag'zjuəriəs*).
luxury, n. The having of things pleasing to the senses, great comfort, much money; pleasing thing which may be done without. **lu'xurious** (*lug'zjuəriəs*), a. Loving luxury; giving comfort. (*lak'fəri*).
lych-gate, n. Roofed doorway into CHURCHYARD. (*lit'geit*).
lye, n. Water put through powder from burned wood or other ALKALI, used for washing and soap-making. (*lai*).
lying. See LIE.
lymph, n. Clear liquid in the body. -'atic, a. Of or producing lymph; slow in thought or acting, feeble. (*limf*).
lynch, v.t. Put to death for crime without authority of law. *L. law*, the process by which decision to l. is taken. (*lintf*).
lynx, n. Short-tailed animal of cat family, noted for its sharp eyes. (*links*).
lyre, n. Old-time instrument of music made of U-formed frame with cords going up and down. (*laia*).
lyric, 1. a. Of, designed for, songs, ll. 2. n. Verses for a song; song-like, not very long, verses into which writer puts his feelings. -'al, a. Sp., full of feeling, using language like that of lyric. (*lirik*).

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- M**, Rom. number 1,000 (*M* or *m*). (*em*).
ma, n. Short form of MAMMA. (*ma:*).
ma'am, n. Short form of "madam." (*ma:m*).
ma'cabre, a. Giving suggestion of death, causing fear. (*mə'ka:br*).
ma'cadam, n., a. Small broken stones crushed together, for covering roads. (*məkə'dəm*).
macaroni, n. Paste of powdered grain formed into long pipes, used as food. (*makə'rouni*).
macaroon, n. Cake of powdered ALMONDS and white part of egg. (*makə'ru:n*).
ma'caw, n. Sort of PARROT. (*mə'ko:*).
mace, n. [Hist.] Instrument of war with metal head; metal-headed rod used as sign of authority. (*meis*).
mace, n. Outer cover of NUTMEG, used in cooking to give taste.

MAGAZINE

- macerate**, v.t. & i. Make or become soft by keeping in water; make thin by keeping without food. (*masə'reit*).
Machia'villian, a. Designing, tricking, ready to take any steps, however wrong, for some purpose, sp. political (like It. writer, Machiavelli). (*makiə'velian*).
machi'nation, n. Secret designing of low tricks etc. (gen. *mm.*). (*maki'neifən*).
ma'chine, 1. n. Apparatus with moving parts working together to do some operation; controlling organization of political group etc. 2. v.t. Do work on with m., sp. one for stitching. **m-gun**, n. Gun which, when put in operation, goes on firing. -'ry (*mə'fi:nəri*), n. (Parts of) machines; system of working, organization. **ma'chinist**, n. Maker, worker, of machines. (*mə'jin*).
mackerel, n. Silver and blue sea-fish. (*makrəl*).
mackintosh, n., a. (Coat of) cloth covered with rubber to keep out wet. (*makintəf*).
macrocsm, n. All existence looked on as one. (*makroukəzin*).
mad, a. With a diseased mind; very foolish; [Com.] angry. *M. about*, sp., greatly interested in; in love with. -'cap, n. One acting on impulse, foolishly. -'den, v.t. Sp., make angry. -'house, n. Place for mad persons. (*mad*).
madam, n. Name used in talking to a woman with respect. *Ma'dame*, [F.] Used like "Mrs." before name of married woman who is not Eng. (*madəm*).
madder, n. (Sorts of) plants giving sorts of red colouring substance. (*madə*).
made. See MAKE.
ma'deira, n. Sweet white wine from Madeira. *M. cake*, sort of sponge cake. (*mə'diərə*).
Mademoi'selle, [F.] Used like "Miss" before name of unmarried woman who is not Eng. (*madmwə'zel*).
Ma'donna, n. (Picture etc. of) Mary, the mother of Christ. (*mə'donə*).
madrigal, n. Short love song or verses; [Mus.] song with parts, gen. 5 or 6, for voices only. (*madrigəl*).
maelstrom, n. Violently circling current of water; violent current of events, thoughts etc. (*meilstrəum*).
maenad, n. PRIESTESS of Bacchus; woman in very worked-up condition. (*mi:nad*).
maestro, [It.] n. Great teacher, writer etc. of music. (*maistrou*).
maffick, v.i. Give way to uncontrolled pleasure-making in streets etc. on getting good news in war etc. (*mafik*).
maga'zine, n. Paper-covered book with stories etc. by different writers, coming out regularly. (*maga'zi:n*).
maga'zine, n. Store for gunpowder, arms

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- etc.; apparatus in gun for placing firing-material automatically.
ma'genta, 1. n. (Colour of) deep red colouring-substance got from coal. 2. a. Coloured with or like this. (*mə'dʒentə*).
maggot, n. LARVA, sp. of certain fly getting into meat etc. (*magət*).
'magic, n., a. The art of controlling events by other than natural powers; art of making things seem to take place by stage tricks; quality producing effect as if by m. *Black (white) m.*, m. done with (without) help of bad powers; *m. lantern*, apparatus by which pictures are sent on to a white cloth in a dark room. **ma'gician** (*mə'dʒiʃən*), n. Expert in magic. (*madʒik*).
'magistrate, n. One in position of law judge, sp., acting in lowest court. **magis'terial** (*madʒis'tiəriəl*), a. Of a magistrate; with (air of) authority. **'magistracy**, n. The magistrates; position of a magistrate. (*madʒistrit*).
mag'nanimous, a. With high qualities of feeling, mind, not moved by unkind feelings. **magna'nimity**, n. (*mag'naniməs*).
'magnate, n. One having power through money or position. (*magneit*).
mag'nesium, n. A silver-white metal burning with a bright light. **mag'nesia**, n. A white powder with magnesium in it, used medically. (*mag'ni:ziəm*).
'magnet, n. Bit of iron, freq. of horseshoe form, having an attraction for iron and pointing north and south when free to do so. **mag'netic**, a. Of, like, produced by, magnet; (of person) with great attraction. -'ism, n. (Science of) magnetic attraction. -'ize, v.t. Give properties of a magnet to; be acting on like a magnet; MESMERIZE. (*magnit*).
mag'neto, n. Electric apparatus causing firing in PETROL engine. (*mag'ni:tou*).
mag'nificent, a. Important-looking, on a great scale, much and beautifully ornamented; very good. (*mag'nifisnt*).
'magnify, v.t. Make size of seem greater, sp. with special glass for purpose of seeing more clearly; make seem more important etc. (*magnifai*).
mag'niloquent, a. (Of words) high-sounding, over-important; using m. words. (*mag'niloukwənt*).
'magnitude, n. Size; degree of being important. (*magnitju:d*).
mag'nolia, n. Tree with sweet-smelling, wax-like flowers. (*mag'noulia*).
'magnum, n. 2-quart wine bottle. (*magnəm*).
'magpie, n. Black-and-white bird which makes much noise; ring coming after outside ring on TARGET. (*magpai*).
'Magyar, n., a. (Language, person) of chief nation-group of Hungary. (*magja:*).
Maha'rajah, n. Indian ruler. **Maha-**

MAJESTY

- 'ranee** (*ma:hə'ra:ni:*), n. Woman married to Maharajah. (*ma:hə'ra:dʒə*).
ma'hatma, n. (In India etc.) name given to man looked on as being very wise or having more than natural powers. (*mə'hatma*).
'mah-jongg, n. Chinese form of play for 4 persons, played with 144 flat bits of wood, bone etc. (*ma:'dʒɔŋ*).
ma'hogany, n. (Am. tree with) red-brown wood; colour of m. (*mə'həɡəni*).
Ma'hommedan, n., a. MOHAMMEDAN. (*mə'həmidən*).
ma'hout, n. ELEPHANT-driver. (*mə'haut*).
maid, n. [Let.] Girl; [Old] unmarried woman; female servant. *M. of honour*, unmarried woman of good birth waiting on QUEEN or PRINCESS; *old m.*, old, unmarried woman. -'en, n. [Old] Unmarried woman; [Let.] girl, young woman. *M. lady*, unmarried woman; *m. name*, woman's family name before she was married; *m. speech*, person's first talk given in public; *m. voyage*, a ship's first journey. -'servant, n. Female servant. (*meid*).
mail, n. Metal war-dress. -'ed, a. *The m. fist*, armed force. (*meil*).
mail, 1. n. System by which letters are sent through post; the letters sent by post, sp. overseas. 2. v.t. Send by post. -'m-cart, n. Sp., small, gen. 2-wheeled, baby-carriage.
maim, v.t. Make wounded etc. in way which keeps some part of the body from being (fully) used. (*meim*).
main, 1. a. Chief. *The m. chance*, one's interests. 2. n. Force (only with *might and m.*); [Let.] the sea; chief pipe in water- or gas-system. -'land, n. Country, land mass, without its islands. -'mast, n. Chief mast of ship. -'spring, n. Sp., chief driving-force. -'stay, n. Cord from top of mainmast to foot of front mast; chief support or helper. (*mein*).
main'tain, v.t. Keep up (condition, way of acting etc.); keep going, in good condition; be supporting (family etc.); say (*that* thing is so). **'maintenance** (*meintənəns*), n. Sp., what is necessary for existence. (*men'tein*).
maize, n. Sort of grain plant. (*meiz*).
'majesty, n. Quality of language, behaviour etc., giving it authority, causing respect; power of a ruler. *His, Her, (Your) M.*, form used in talking of (to) KING or QUEEN. **ma'jestic**, a. (Of language etc.) having majesty. (*madʒisti*).



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MAJOLICA

ma'jolica, n. Sorts of ornamented It. PORCELAIN. (mə'jɒlɪkə).
'major, i. a. Greater of 2 things; older of 2 brothers (*Jones M.*); [Mus.] (of key, scale) having 2 TONES between key-note and third note played. 2. n. Military man with position between CAPTAIN and COLONEL. **'-domo** ('meɪdʒə'doʊmoʊ), n. Manager of servants in great house. **m.-general**, n. Man with army position highest under LIEUTENANT-GENERAL. **ma'jority**, n. The greater number or part (of); [Law] point of becoming old enough to do things having force of law, without authority of father etc. (in England, 18); position of army major. ('meɪdʒə).
make (made), i. v.t. & i. Give existence to, get formed; give (certain quality, form) to; get (person, thing, to do) sp., by force; be the cause of; be, be equal to; be good for the purpose of; m. good or well-off. *M. a bed*, put covers in order on it; *m. a difference (to)*, be important (to), have an effect (on); *m. a face*, give one's face a twist as sign of disgust etc.; *m. a fuss of*, be very kind to; *m. a good meal*, sp., have quite enough food at a meal; *m. a name*, become noted; *m. away with*, put an end to, put to death; *m. for*, go in the direction of; have tendency to some effect; *m. free with*, m. use of without right; *m. from*, of, m. with as material; *m. fun, game, sport*, of, m. seem foolish, be laughing at; *m. good*, do well; put right (damage etc.); *m. it, m. the train etc.*, not be late for train etc.; *m. it up*, become friend of person again after trouble; *m. it up to*, do or give something to in view of damage, loss; *m. light, little, nothing*, of, take as unimportant, not hard to do; *m. love (to)*, be acting as a lover (to); *m. merry*, have a happy time, gen. with food and drink; *m. money*, sp., get money by working etc.; *m. much of*, m. a fuss of; take as important; *m. no bones about*, m. no trouble about (doing); *m. nothing of*, sp., be quite at a loss about (statement etc.); *m. off*, get, go running, away quickly; *m. one's name*, become noted; *m. out*, get the sense of; put details in on (form etc.); m. it seem *that*, say; *m. over (property) to*, give to by law agreement; *m. the best of*, put up with, take a bright view of; *m. the most of*, get the most possible out of; *m. up*, m. the invention of (sp. a story); (of parts) be forming; give, be, what is needed to m. (amount); *m. up for*, COMPENSATE for; *m. up (one's face)*, put powder, paint etc. on it; *m. up one's mind*, come to a decision; *m. up to*, do one's best to be pleasing to; *m. use of*, do something with for some purpose, as an instrument etc.; *not m. head or tail of*, not see the sense of; *what do you m. of it?*, what sense do you get out of it? 2.

MALMSEY

n. Way a thing is made, its form of structure. *On the m.*, [Com.] looking for profit, position; *someone's m.*, made by business house of that name. **'m.-believe**, n. The acting of a part; fiction. **'-r**, n. *Our M.*, God. **'-shift**, n. Process, thing etc., used till something better may be got. **'m.-up**, n. How a thing is put together, its general design, sp., of page of print etc.; powder and paint put on face of actor, woman. **'-weight**, n. Small amount put in to make weight right. **'making**, n. *Be the m. of*, be that which makes (thing) good; *the mm. of*, the qualities for becoming. (meik (meid)).
mal-, ad. **-adjustment**, **-administration**. (mal-).
ma'lacca (cane), n. Sort of brown walking-stick. (mə'lakə (keɪn)).
'malachite, n. Sort of green stone used for ornaments. ('maləkait).
mala'droit, a. Not ADROIT. (malə'droit).
'malady, n. A disease. ('malədi).
ma'laise, n. Feeling of not being quite well, not quite in comfort. (mə'leɪz).
'malapert, [Old] a. Forward, without respect. ('maləpə:t).
'malapropism, n. Use of wrong word which is like the right one, causing amusement. ('maləpɒrɪzəm).
ma'laria, n. Disease caused by bite of mosquito. (mə'leəriə).
'malcontent, n. Person not pleased with his conditions, ready to go against the government. ('malkəntent).
male, a., n. Opp. female. (meɪl).
male'diction, n. Request to Higher Power for the punishment, destruction, of some person or thing. (mə'li:dɪkʃən).
'malefactor, n. Wrongdoer. ('malɪfaktə).
ma'leficent, a. Bad, damaging. (mə'leɪsɪnt).
ma'levolent, a. Desiring pain, trouble, for others. (mə'leɪvələnt).
'malfor'mation, n. (Of part of body) being wrongly formed. **'mal'formed**, a. ('malfo:'meɪʃən).
'malice, n. Desire to do damage, give pain. *M. aforethought*, purposed m. **ma'licious**, a. ('malɪs).
ma'lign, i. a. Bad, doing damage; (of disease) malignant. 2. v.t. Say false things against (person). **'-ant** (mə'lɪgnənt), a. Full of hate, desire to do damage; (of disease) serious, violent. **'-ity** (mə'lɪgnɪti), n. (mə'ləɪn).
ma'linger, v.i. Seem ill to get out of doing work etc. (mə'lɪŋgə).
'mallard, n. Sort of duck. ('mæləd).
'malleable, a. (Of metals) readily changed in form by hammering; readily trained or making adjustment. ('malɪəbl).
'mallet, n. Wood-headed hammer. ('malɪt).
'mallow, n. Sorts of plant with red-blue flowers. ('maləʊ).
'malmsey, n. A sweet wine. ('ma:mzi).

MALNUTRITION

'malnu'trition, n. Condition caused by not getting enough, the right, food. ('malnju:'trɪʃən).
ma'lodorous, a. With a bad smell. (mə'ləʊdəɪs).
'mal'practice, n. Wrongdoing. ('mal-'praktɪs).
malt, i. n. Grain ready for beer-making. 2. v.t. & i. Make into m. (molt).
'Maltese 'cross, n. Cross with equal arms narrower at joining-point than at ends. ('mɔ:ltɪz 'kɹɒs).
mal'treat, v.t. Be rough with, unkind, cruel, to. (mal'tri:t).
malver'sation, n. Use of public, another's, money without right. (malvə'seɪʃən).
mam'ma, n. Mother, sp. as baby's word. (mə'ma:).
'mammal, n. Any of the group of animals producing milk for their young.
mam'malian (mə'meɪliən), a. Of mammals. **'mammary**, a. Of milk-producing parts. ('maməl).
'mammon, n. Money, property, viewed as bad. ('mamən).
'mammoth, n. Sort of great ELEPHANT no longer in existence. ('maməθ).
'mammy, n. Baby's word for mother; black woman, sp. one looking after white baby. ('mami).
man (men), i. n. 2-legged animal with complex brain development, using instruments and language; men as a group; male of m.; male person as servant of, or looked on as under control of, another; manly person. *M. about town*, m. who is much in society, clubs etc.; *m. in the street*, common, normal person; *m. of letters*, writer of LITERATURE; *m. of the world*, experienced m. with wide views; *the inner m.*, the stomach. 2. v.t. Get necessary mm. for (ship, army etc.). **'-ful**, a. Manly; without fear. **'m.-handle**, v.t. Be rough with. **'m.-hole**, n. Hole for men to get through into drain etc. **'-hood**, n. Sp., manly qualities; the men of a country. **'-kind**, n. Man, all men. **'-ly**, a. Having the qualities looked for in a man. **'-nish**, a. (Of a woman) man-like. **'m.-o'-war**, n. Warship. **'-slaughter**, [Law] n. Causing the death of a person without design as outcome of some wrong act. (man (men)).
'manacle, i. n. FETTER for hand or foot. 2. v.t. Put mm. on. ('manəkl).
'manage, v.t. & i. Be in control of; get some way (to); do somehow what is desired. *Managing person*, one who takes pleasure in controlling. **'-ment**, n. Sp., the manager(s) of a business. **'-r**, n. One responsible for managing a business etc. ('manɪdʒ).
mana'tee, n. Sort of sea-animal producing milk for young. (manə'ti:).
'mandarin, n. [Hist.] High Chinese govern-

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ment servant; language talked by Chinese of education. ('mandərɪn).
'mandarin, n. Small, deep-coloured orange.
'mandate, n. Order given with authority; control given to another, sp. by LEAGUE OF NATIONS, over a nation not ready for self-government; authority given to political representatives by the public.
'mandatory, [Law] n. One who has a mandate. ('mandeɪt).
'mandible, n. Lower mouth-bone; one or other of the hard parts of a bird's mouth or of the parts of an insect's top mouth-bone. ('mandɪbl).
'mandolin, n. Sort of LUTE. ('mandəlɪn).
man'dragora, **'mandrake**, nn. Plant giving poison used for causing sleep. (man'drəɡərə, 'mandreɪk).
'mandrill, n. Sort of great BABOON. ('mandrɪl).
mane, n. Long hair on neck of horse etc.; thick hair on the head. (meɪn).
'manganese, n. A light grey metal. ('mæŋɡni:z).
mange, n. A skin disease of dogs and cats.
'mangy, a. Sp., poor, dirty. (meɪndʒ).
'mangel- ('mæŋɡəld-) **'wurzel**, n. Great round root used as food for cows etc. ('mæŋɡl ('mæŋɡəʊld)wɜ:zl).
'manger, n. Long food-box for horses, cows etc. ('meɪndʒə).
'mangle, v.t., n. (Put through) machine with rollers for drying and smoothing linen etc. after washing. ('mæŋɡl).
'mangle, v.t. Get badly cut, damaged.
'mango, n. (Fruit, deep yellow inside, of) Indian tree. ('mæŋɡəʊ).
'mangrove, n. Tree with network of roots coming out of earth, needing wet, warm place for growth. ('mæŋɡrəʊv).
'mania, n. Diseased condition of mind marked by violent behaviour; strong interest in one thing. **'-c** ('meɪniək), n. One made violent by mania. **ma'niacal** (mə'niəkl), a. ('meɪniə).
'manicure, i. n. Care of the hands and nails. 2. v.t. Give m. to. ('manɪkjəʊ).
'manifest, i. a. Clear to eye or mind. 2. v.t. Make m.; give clear signs of. *M. itself*, come to light. 3. n. Statement of goods transported in ship. **mani'festo**, n. Public statement of purposes etc. made by ruler or body of persons. ('manifest).
'manifold, i. a. Having different forms, uses etc.; great in number and of different sorts. 2. v.t. Make number of copies of (letter etc.) on special machine. ('manɪfəʊld).
'manikin, n. Little man. ('manɪkɪn).
ma'nilla, n. Plant material used for cords; sort of CIGAR. (mə'nɪlə).
ma'nipulate, v.t. Make use of, do something with, (instrument etc.); get control

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of (another etc.) in expert way. (mə'nɪpjuleɪt).
'manna, n. (In BIBLE) food sent down to persons of Israel in the waste-land. ('manə).
'mannequin, n. Woman who puts on dresses to let them be viewed. ('manikin).
'manner, n. Way thing is done or takes place; person's special way of painting, writing etc.; way of behaviour; sort. *Mm.*, sp., polished behaviour; *after this m.*, in this way; *by no m. of means*, certainly not. '-ed, a. Using mannerisms. '-ism, n. Regular trick of behaviour, talking etc. '-ly, a. With manners. ('manə).
ma'oeuvre, i. n. The moving of ships, forces etc., sp., for attack in war; move to get what is desired. 2. v.i. & t. Do, make do, mm.; get (oneself, another) *into* or *out of* position by m. (mə'nu:və).
'manor, n. Land unit under FEUDAL system; land property, gen. giving certain rights to owner, in England. *ma'norial* (mə'nɔ:riəl), a. ('manə).
manse, n. Scot. PRIEST's house. (mans).
'mansion, n. Great house. ('manʃən).
'mantel, n. Structure round fireplace. '-piece, n. (Shelf of) mantel. ('mantl).
man'tilla, n. Cloth used as woman's head-dress in Spain. (man'tila).
'mantis, n. A long-legged insect. ('mantis).
'mantle, i. n. CLOAK; special net cover put over gas-burner to make light brighter. 2. v.t. & i. Be covering, come over; (of blood) make face red. ('mantl).
'manual, i. a. Of, done with, the hands. 2. n. Handbook, school-book; part of ORGAN touched by fingers in playing. ('manjuəl).
manu'facture, i. n. The making of goods, sp. on great scale by machines. 2. v.t. Make (things, materials). *manu'factory*, n. Works where things are manufactured. (manju'faktʃə).
ma'nure, i. n. Animal waste or other substance used for making the earth fertile. 2. v.t. Put m. on (land). (mə'njuə).
'manuscript, n., a. Book etc. in handwriting, not printed. ('manjuskript).
Manx, n., a. (Language) of Isle of Man. (manks).
'many, i. a. A great number of. *As m. . . (as)*, the same number of . . . (*as*); *how m. . . ?* what number of . . . ?; *m. a . . .*, much more than one . . . 2. pron. M. persons, things. 3. n. Only *a great, good m.*, a great number (of). *m.-sided*, a. Sp., able to do many things. ('meni).
'Maori, n. Person, language, of New Zealand nation-group. ('mauri).
map, i. n. Flat design of (part of) the earth. 2. v.t. Make m. of. *M. out*, make designs for. (map).

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MAPLE LEAF

'maple, n. (Wood of) sorts of tree, some of which give sugar. ('meɪpl).
mar, v.t. Do damage to. (ma:).
'marabou, n. Long-legged bird of Africa; its small feathers as edging-material etc. ('marəbu:).
'marathon (race), n. Long-distance running competition. ('marəθən (reis)).
ma'raud, v.i. Make an attack and take property by force. '-ing, a. (mə'ro:ɪd).
'marble, i. n. Sorts of LIMESTONE which are polished for use in building and for works of art; ball of stone or glass used in playing mm. *Mm.*, works of art of m.; a boys' sport. 2. v.t. Make designs on like the marks in m. ('ma:bl).
March, n. 3rd month of year. (ma:tʃ).
march, i. n. Edge, limits, of land. 2. v.i. (Of land) have common limit (*with*).
march, i. n. A military walk with measured steps; distance marched; a going forward (of events etc.); bit of music for marching to. 2. v.i. & t. Go, make go, at a m.; (of events) go forward. *M. past*, m. in line in front of person viewing forces.
'marchioness. See MARQUIS.
mare, n. Female horse. *M.'s nest*, thing which seems a discovery but is not. (meə).
marga'rine, n. Sorts of fat made to seem like butter. (ma:dʒa'ri:n).
'margin, n. Edge; unprinted space round printed page; amount in addition to what is necessary; money placed with STOCKBROKER as cover for possible loss on business done. '-al, a. Sp., (of notes) in the margin. ('ma:dʒɪn).
margue'rite, n. Sorts of great DAISY. (ma:gə'ri:t).
'marigold, n. Sorts of plant with orange-yellow flowers. ('marigould).
ma'rine, i. a. Of, in, produced by, the sea; of ships. 2. n. The ships of a country; man in military force used on warships. **'mariner** ('marinə), [Old] N. Sailor. (mə'ri:n).
mario'nette, n. Form of person etc. cut in wood and worked by cords on stage. (marie'net).
'marital, a. Of a married man; of the married condition, between married persons. ('marɪtl).
'maritime, a. Near the sea; to do with the sea. ('marɪtaɪm).
'marjoram, n. Sort of plant used to give taste in cooking. ('ma:dʒərəm).
mark, i. n. Line, cut, damage etc., on something; line, form, made on paper etc. as sign; sign (of thing, quality); thing fired at, at which blow is sent,

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etc.; normal level, degree; unit for measuring quality of school work. *Beside, wide of, the m.*, sp., off the point, question; *make one's m.*, sp., do well; *man of m.*, noted man; *up to (below) the m.*, as (not as) good, well, as normal. 2. v.t. & i. Put a m. against; make or be a m. on; give mm. to (learner etc.); take note of, see. *M. off*, sp., put limits to, make separate; *m. out*, sp., get the limits of (a bit of land etc.) fixed; *m. time*, [Mil.] be moving feet up and down in turn in one place; do nothing for a time. '-ed, a. Sp., clear, strong, readily noted. *M. man*, one watched, noted down for punishment, attack. '-edly ('ma:kɪdli), adv. '-ing, n. Sp., different colours of feathers, skin etc. '-sman, n. Expert with a gun. (ma:k).
mark, n. Unit of G. money system.
'market, i. n. Meeting for the exchange of goods for money; space or building used for this; request which there is for certain goods at a price. *In, on, the m.*, offered for money in trade. 2. v.t. & i. Take or send to m., get money for in trade; get goods at m. etc. '-able, a. Able to be exchanged for money. **m-garden**, n. One for growth of produce for market. ('ma:kit).
marl, n. Sort of very fertile earth. (ma:l).
'marline, n. Sailors' cord made with 2 threads. **'m.-spike**, n. Pointed instrument for separating threads of cord. ('ma:lin).
'marmalade, n. Orange etc. JAM. ('ma:məleɪd).
'marmoset, n. Small S. Am. monkey with a thick tail. ('ma:məzət).
'marmot, n. Animal of SQUIRREL family. ('ma:mət).
'marocain, n. A dress-material of silk or wool. ('marəkein).
ma'roon, n. Sort of firework. (mə'ru:n).
ma'roon, a., n. (Of) brown-red colour.
ma'roon, v.t. Put on an island without company, food etc.
mar'quee, n. Great TENT. (ma:'ki:).
'marquetry, n. Ornamenting of wood by putting in bits of other wood or material. ('ma:kitri).
'marquis, **'marquess**, n. Man with highest TITLE under DUKE. **'marchioness** ('ma:ʃənɪs), n. Woman married to a marquis. ('ma:kwi:s).
'marrow, n. Fat substance in hollow parts of bones; sort of long GOURD cooked for food (freq. *vegetable m.*). ('marəu).
'marry, v.t. & i. Go through law or church etc. form uniting oneself with (another) for purpose of sex relations, living together; make (man and woman) so united.
'marriage ('marɪdʒ), n. Act, form, of marrying; condition of being married. *M. lines*, statement by authority that

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marriage of 2 persons has taken place.
'marriageable, a. Old enough for marriage. **'married**, a. ('mari).
marsh, n. Stretch of low, wet land. *M. mallow*, (sweet made from root of) a m. plant. (ma:ʃ).
'marshal, i. n. Name of persons in certain positions of authority (sp. *field m.*, *provost m.*, etc.); one responsible for details of important public event. 2. v.t. Get (fighting forces, arguments etc.) in right order; take, be guiding, (person) with forms (*into* etc.). ('ma:ʃəl).
mar'supial, n., a. (Any) of group of animals giving birth to their young before development is complete and taking them about in a bag-like part. (ma:'sjupɪəl).
mart, n. Place of trade, market. (ma:t).
mar'tello 'tower, n. Round military building with guns, put up near sea to keep off attack. (ma:'teləu 'taʊə).
'marten, n. Small brown animal living on others, valued for its skin. ('ma:tin).
'martial, a. Of, right for, loving, war. *M. law*, military government stopping operation of normal law for a time. ('ma:ʃəl).
'martin, n. Sort of SWALLOW. ('ma:tin).
marti'net, n. One in authority looking on keeping of rules as very important. (ma:ti'net).
'Martinmas, n. SAINT Martin's day, Nov. 11th. ('ma:tinməs).
'martyr, i. n. Person put to death, undergoing much, for cause or belief. *Be a m. to*, undergo frequent pain etc. because of. 2. v.t. Put to death for beliefs etc. '-dom, n. Martyr's death; great pain, trouble. ('ma:tə).
'marvel, i. n. Thing causing great, pleasing surprise; surprisingly good example (of). 2. v.i. Be much surprised (at). '-lous, a. Very surprising, sp. pleasingly; very good, beautiful. ('ma:vəl).
marzi'pan, n. Substance made of crushed ALMONDS and sugar etc. as sweet, cake. (ma:zi'pan).
'mascot, n. Thing looked on as making chance kind to owner. ('maskət).
'masculine, a. Of, like, the male sex; [Lang.] of male GENDER. ('maskjulin).
mash, i. n. Grain etc. cooked with water and given warm to horses; soft, crushed mass. 2. v.t. Get crushed into a m. (maʃ).
mask, i. n. False face, bit of cloth, put on over face; face pictured in wax or stone; look put on to keep one's feelings secret. *Death m.*, m. made by putting material over face of dead person. 2. v.t. Make covered (as) with m. (ma:sk).
'mason, n. Builder in, cutter of, stone; FREEMASON. **ma'sonic**, a. Of FREEMASONS. '-ry, n. Stonework. ('meɪsn).
masque, n. Sort of play in verse in which

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chief attention is given to stage effects, dresses etc. (ma:sk).

masque'rade, 1. n. Dance at which all have MASKS or are dressed up. 2. v.i. Be acting as what one is not. (maska'reid).

mass, 1. n. Body of material of no special form; great amount or number (of); [Sc.] amount of material in a body. *M. meeting*, great meeting; *the mm.*, the workers, the public. 2. v.t. & i. Get, come, together in a m. (mas).

mass, n. Church COMMUNION, sp. R.-C.

'massacre, v.t., n. Put to death in great numbers. (masə:kə).

'massage, n., v.t. Rubbing of the body for medical purposes. **mas'seur** (ma'sə:), **mas'seuse** (ma'sə:z), nn. Male, female, massage expert. (masa:z).

'massive, a. Great, solid, of great weight. (masiv).

mast, n. Upright support for sails; tall support for flag etc. (mast).

'master, 1. n. Man with others working for him; male teacher; animal's owner; male head of house; one who has control (of); CAPTAIN of trading-vessel; one expert at something. *The old mm.*, sp., (pictures of) the great painters of 1200-1700. 2. v.t. Get mastery of; get the better of.

'-ful, a. With a love of controlling. **'-key**, n. Key opening a number of different locks. **'-ly**, a. Of an expert. **'-piece**, n. Great work of art; best example of a person's work. **'-y**, n. Full knowledge, control, (of). (ma'stə).

'masticate, v.t. Make (food) soft by biting it. (mastikeit).

'mastiff, n. Sort of great dog. (mastif).

'mastodon, n. Animal like an ELEPHANT, no longer in existence. (mastədn).

'mastoid, n. Bone at back of ear. (mastoid).

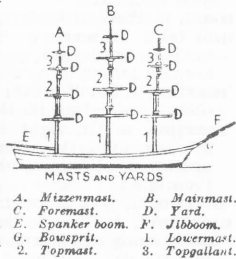
mat(t), a. (Of paper etc.) not smooth or polished. (mat).

mat, n. Bit of cloth or other material for covering part of floor or table to keep it from damage. **'-ted**, a. (Of hair, thread etc.) rough, knotted.

'matador, n. Man whose part it is to put BULL to death in sport of BULL-fighting. (matədo:).

match, n. Small stick with head which, when rubbed, gives flame. **'m.-wood**, n. Small bits of broken wood. (matf).

match, 1. n. Person as strong or good at something as another; thing like, the same as, another in some quality; com-



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petition in sport; a MARRIAGE. 2. v.t. & i. Get, be, a m. for; put in competition (against, with). (*Badly well matched*, (of 2 fighters etc.) (not) equally expert; (not) right for one another. **'-boarding**, n. Boards so cut that their edges may be fixed into one another. **'-less**, a. So good as to have no equal. **'-maker**, n. One taking steps to make others get married.

mate, 1. n. One of 2 lovers, married persons, or animals having sex relation with one another; workman working with another or others; man in authority under CAPTAIN on a trading-ship. 2. v.i. & t. Have, make have, sex relation (with); get married. (meit).

ma'terial, 1. a. Made of, to do with, physical substance; to do with money, physical comfort etc., not higher things; important, necessary. 2. n. That from which something is or may be made; cloth. **'-ism**, n. Belief that nothing but physical substance has existence; interest in material values only. **'-ize**, v.t. & i. Give, take on, a material form; become fact. (mə'tiəriəl).

ma'ternal, a. Of, like, a mother; being a relation on one's mother's side. **ma'ternity**, n. Being a mother. (mə'tə:nəi).

mathe'matics, n. Science of relations of space and numbers. **mathe'matical**, a. **mathema'tician**, n. Mathematics expert. (mə'ti:matiks).

'matinée, n. An acting of a play in the day-time. (matinei).

'matins, n. pl. Early morning SERVICE in R.-C. Church; morning SERVICE in Eng. Church. (matinz).

'matriarch, n. Female head of family or wider group. **matri'archal**, a. **'-y**, n. (Society under) rule of matriarch. (meitriə:k).

'matricide, n. (One) putting mother to death. (matrisaid).

ma'triculate, v.t. & i. Let in, be let in, as learner at a university after taking test; get through matriculation. **matricu'lation**, n. Sp., special test for matriculating. (mə'trikjuleit).

'matrimony, n. Condition of being married. (matriməni).

'matrix (matrices), n. Vessel into which material in soft or liquid condition is put to give it a form; substance in which metal etc. is bedded in the earth. ('meitriks ('meitrisi:z)).

'matron, n. Married woman; woman controlling hospital; housekeeper in school etc. (meitran).

'matter, 1. n. Physical substance; question for thought, discussion, attention; substance of book, statement etc.; PUS. *A m. of course*, event causing no surprise; *as a m. of fact*, in fact, to say truly; *be the m. (with)*, be wrong (with); *for that*

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m., as far as has to do with that; *no m. when (where, who)*, whenever etc., it's not important when etc.; *printed m.*, anything in print. 2. v.i. Be important (to person). **'m.-of'-fact**, a. Keeping to facts as opp. opinions etc., uninteresting. **'-y**, a. Full of, like, PUS. ('matə).

'matting, n. Material for floor MATS. ('matin).

'mattock, n. Instrument having iron head with blade on one side and point on the other, for getting earth broken. ('matək).

'mattress, n. Long flat bed-cushion. *Spring m.*, wire frame supporting this; top m. with springs in it. ('matris).

ma'ture, 1. v.i. & t. Come to full development, become ready for use; make m. 2. a. Having matured. (mə'tjuə).

matu'final, a. Of, in, the morning. (matju'fainl).

'maudlin, a. With foolish feeling of love, regret etc.; made foolish by strong drink. ('mɔ:dlin).

maul, v.t. Do damage to by being rough. (maul).

'maulstick, n. Stick used by painter to keep hand from shaking. ('ma:lstik).

'maunder, v.i. Be talking off the point, uninterestingly. (mə:nda).

mauso'leum, n. Building put up as last resting-place in memory of dead. (mə:sə'liəm).

mauve, a., n. (Of) light blue-red colour. (mouv).

maw, n. Animal's throat or stomach. (mə:).

'mawkish, a. Full of foolish, soft feelings. ('mɔ:kɪʃ).

'maxim, n. Wise saying; rule of behaviour. ('maksim).

'maxim, n. Sort of machine-gun.

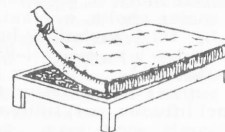
'maximum (maxima), n., a. Greatest possible or recorded degree, amount, (of). ('maksiməm).

may (might), v. aux. Used as sign of: 1. being possible (*if m. be true, paper m. be burned*); 2. letting, giving authority (*you m. go*); 3. request (*you might take this for me*); 4. desire (*m. I be there to see it*). **'-be**, adv. Possibly. (mei (mait)).

May, n. 5th month of the year; flowers of m.-tree (m.). *M. queen*, girl to whom special respect is given in M.-day amusements. **'M.-day**, n. May 1st. **'-pole**, n. Upright support ornamented with flowers and danced round on May-day. **'m.-tree**, n. HAWTHORN.

mayon'naise, n. Cold food dressing of oil, egg, and VINEGAR. (meiə'neiz).

mayor, n. Head of town government.



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MECHANIC

'-alty ('meərəlti), n. Time, position, of being mayor. **'-ess**, n. Woman married to mayor. (meə).

maze, n. Complex network of ways, lines, or facts. (meiz).

ma'zurka, n. (Music for) dance in 3-time for 8 or 16 persons (mə'zə:kə).

mead, n. Strong drink made from HONEY.

'meadow, [Let.] **mead**, nn. Grass field. **'meadow-sweet**, n. Sweet-smelling, flowering plant. ('medou, mi:d).

'meagre, a. Thin; not enough. ('mi:gə).

meal, n. The taking of food sp. at a regular time; the food for a m. (mi:l).

meal, n. Powdered grain. **'-y-mouthed**, a. Not using straightforward language for anything displeasing.

mean (meant), v.t. & i. Have as purpose, design; be purposing to say, say words with the sense that; have the sense of; be a sign of. *M. business*, be ready to do something other than talking; *m. much (little) to one*, be important (unimportant) to one. **'-ing**, 1. n. What is meant; sense; purpose, point. 2. a. (Of look) acting as a sign. (mi:n (ment)).

mean, a. Of poor quality; not giving readily; unkind, not upright.

mean, n., a. (Condition, quality) coming between 2 opposites; (number) half-way in value between others, AVERAGE. *Mm.*, thing(s), process, by which something is or may be effected (freq. a mm.); money, property; by all (no) mm., certainly (not); by mm. of, by the help, use, of; person of mm., well-off person. **'-time**, **'-while**, advs. In the time between.

me'ander, v.i. Go twisting about, as a river etc. (mi'ənda).

'measles, n. Disease readily got by one person from another, in which body becomes covered with red spots. ('mi:zls).

'measly, [Hum.] a. Of poor quality, very little. ('mi:zli).

'measure, 1. n. Size, amount, degree, of thing; unit or system used in statement of this; vessel, rod etc., for testing size or amount; verse rhythm, time in music; step, act; a law. *In a, some, m.*, in some degree; *made to m.*, made specially for person after measuring; *short (full) m.*, less (not less) than right amount. 2. v.t. Get size, amount, value, of; be (certain size, amount). *M. out*, give measured amount of. **'-d**, a. Sp., in slow, regular rhythm, motion, with care. **'-less**, a. Unlimited, very great. ('meʒə).

meat, n. Muscle and fat of animal as food; [Old] food. **'-y**, a. Sp., (of book etc.) full of substance. (mi:t).

'Mecca, n. That on which one's hopes are fixed (from name of Mohammed's birthplace). ('mekə).

me'chanic, n. Trained workman, sp. one making or using machines. **'-al**, a. Of,

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like, working, produced by, machine. **-s**, n. Science of motion and tendencies to motion; science of machines. **'mechanism**, n. Structure, way of working, of a machine; machine (-part). **'mechanize**, v.t. Make mechanical, make use of machines in, for. (mi'kanik).

'medal, n. Flat bit of metal, gen. round, stamped with design, given in memory of some event etc. or as reward. **me'dal-lion**, n. Great medal; round picture. **-list**, n. One rewarded with medal in competition; designer of medals. (medl).

'meddle, v.i. Take overmuch part in another person's business. **-some**, a. Given to meddling. (medl).

'media. See MEDIUM.

'mediate, v.i. Be acting as go-between, peacemaker, (between). (mi'di:et).

'medical, a. To do with medicine. **M. man**, expert on medicine. **me'dicament**, n. Substance used medically. **'medicate**, v.t. Put a substance with medical properties on, into (cloth, liquid etc.). **me'dicinal** (me'disinal), a. Having medical properties. **'medicine** (medsin), n. Art, science, of overcoming disease, keeping persons healthy; (any of the) substances used in m. **'medicine-man**, n. (In simple societies) MAGICIAN. (medikl).

medi'(a)eval, a. Of the time between about A.D. 600 and 1500. (medi'i:vl).

'mediocre, a. Not very good, of poor quality. **medi'ocrity** (mi:di'okriti), n. Sp., mediocre person. (mi'di:okə).

'meditate, v.t. & i. Give thought to; give oneself up to thought; have in mind (doing something). (mediteit).

'medium, r. n. Middle quality or degree; (pl. freq. media) substance in which thing is living, moving, taking place, or in solution; that by which thing is done; one acting as go-between in SPIRITUALISM. 2. a. In middle position in size, degree etc. (mi'di:əm).

'medlar, n. (Tree producing) small brown fruit used when going bad. (medlə).

'medley, n. Mixed mass or group. (medli).

meed, [Let.] n. Reward; right amount (of credit etc.). (mi:d).

meek, a. Quiet, unprotesting. (mi:k).

'meerschau, n. (Smoker's pipe of) sort of hard, white CLAY. (miə'fəm).

meet, [Old] a. Right, good. (mi:t).

meet (met), r. v.t. & i. Come across or into company with; come together from different points; be present when train etc. of (person) comes in; come into agreement with (person's desires). **M. a bill**, make payment of it; **m. the case**, be right, enough, for; **m. the eye**, be seen; **m. with**, have experience of. 2. n. Meeting of persons before a HUNT. **-ing**, n. Sp., a coming together of a number of persons for some purpose. (mi:t (met)).

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'megalith, n. Great stone, sp., put up in memory of person in very early times. (megəliθ).

'megalomania, n. Diseased condition of mind giving belief that one is very great, important. (megəlu'meinia).

'megalo'saurus, n. Great REPTILE no longer in existence. (megəlu'sɔ:rəs).

'megaphone, n. Horn for talking through to make voice louder. (megəfəun).

'megrim, n. MIGRAINE. **Mm.**, low, unhappy condition of mind. (mi:grim).

'melancholy, n., a. (Being) sad, unhappy. **'melan'cholia**, n. Mind disease marked by this. **melan'cholic**, a. Of, with tendency to, melancholia. (melənkəli).

'mêlée, [F.] n. Fight or mass of persons without order, organization. (melei).

mel'lifluous, **mel'lifluent**, aa. (Of voice, words etc.) very sweet. (me'lifluəs, me'lifluənt).

'mellow, r. a. Soft and sweet in taste, soft and full in colour or sound, sp. as effect of time; made kind, warm in feeling, by experience. 2. v.t. & i. Make, become, m. (melou).

'melodrama, n. Play working up the feelings in violent way, gen. with happy ending. **melodra'matic**, a. Sp., (of behaviour) as of actor. (melədrəma).

'melody, n. Sweet music; song; [Mus.] chief part or thread of bit of music in harmony. **me'lodious** (mi'loudjəs), a. (melodi).

'melon, n. Great round fruit with mass of seeds in the middle. (melon).

melt, v.t. & i. Make or be made liquid by heat; make (feelings), become, soft; go slowly away, from view. **'molten** ('moulten), a. (Of metals) melted. (melt).

'member, n. Part of body, such as arm or tongue; one of society, group. **-ship**, n. Being a society member; number of members in a society. (membə).

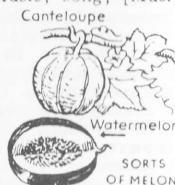
'membrane, n. Thin, soft skin covering inside or joining parts of animal or plant body. **mem'braneous**, **'membranous**, aa. (membrein).

me'mento, n. Thing kept in memory of a person or event. (mi'mentou).

'memo, n. Short form of MEMORANDUM. (memou).

'memoir, n. History of person, sp. based on first-hand knowledge. **Mm.**, person's account in writing of his history, experiences. (memwa:).

'memory, n. Power of keeping facts etc. in conscious mind or making them come back to it; picture, idea, of past thing produced by m.; time-range



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of one's m. **In m. of**, to keep (dead person, etc.) in the m. **'memorable**, a. Rightly to be kept in memory. **memo'randum**, n. Note or record for future use; business note. **me'morial**, n., a. (Thing) made, done, in memory of person, event; statement in writing made to authorities for or against something. **me'morialize**, v.t. Send such statement to. **'memorize**, v.t. Get by heart, fixed in the memory. (meməri).

men. See MAN.

'menace, r. n. THREAT. 2. v.t. Be a danger to; give signs that one is about to make use of force against. (menəs).

me'nage, [F.] n. HOUSEHOLD. (me'na:ʒ).

me'nagerie, n. Number of animals of different sorts got together and put on public view. (mi'nadʒəri).

mend, r. v.t. & i. Put right, into working condition; get stitched up; become better. **M. one's ways**, become better in behaviour. 2. n. Mended hole, crack, cut etc. (mend).

men'dacious, a. Given to consciously making untrue statements. **men'dacity** (men'dasiti), n. (men'deifəs).

'mendicant, n., a. (One) living by requesting money etc. from others. (mendikənt).

'menial, a., n. (Only) rightly to be done by a servant. (mi:nial).

menin'gitis, n. Disease marked by INFLAMMATION of skin covering brain. (menin'dʒaitis).

mensu'ration, n. Branch of mathematics to do with measuring. **'mensurable**, a. Able to be measured. (mensjə'reifən).

'mental, a. Of or in the mind. **M. arithmetic**, arithmetic done in one's head, not on paper; **m. patient**, one with a diseased mind; **m. reservation**, limiting thought, condition, not put into words. **men'tality**, n. General quality of a person's mind, outlook. (mentl).

'menthol, n. Sort of white CRYSTALS used medically, sp. breathed up nose for colds. (menθəl).

'mention, v.t., n. Say something about; say the name of. (menʃən).

'mentor, n. Guide and helper to unexperienced person. (mento:).

'menu, n. List of food at a meal. (menju:).

'mercantile, a. Trading, of trade or traders. **M. marine**, trading or transport ships of a nation. (mæ:kəntail).

'mercenary, r. a. Working only for money or reward; based on desire for profit. 2. n. Man fighting for another country for payment. (mæ:sinəri).

'mercer, n. Trader in silk and such material. **-ized**, a. (Of cotton) made silk-like by a chemical process. **-y**, n. Material traded in by mercer. (mæ:sə).

'merchandise, n. Trade goods. (mæ:tʃəndaiz).

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'merchant, n. Trader. **M. service**, organization of the MERCANTILE MARINE. **-man**, n. Ship transporting goods. (mæ:tʃənt).

'mercury, n. White, normally liquid, metal. **mer'curial**, a. Sp., (of person) quickly changing in feelings. (mæ:kjəri).

'mercy, n. (Quality of) keeping from giving pain which one has right, power, to give; that which comes to one by good chance. **At the m. of**, in the power of; **have m. on**, be kind, acting with m., to; **the tender mm. of**, [Hum.] the little or no m. which may be looked for from.

'merciful, a. Acting with, marked by, mercy. **'merciless**, a. Cruel. (mæ:si).

mere, [Let.] n. LAKE. (miə).

mere, a. Only, not more than; no better than. **-ly**, adv. Only.

mere'tricious, a. With an outside attraction but little value. (meri'trifəs).

merge, v.t. & i. Make, become, part of some other, greater thing. **-r**, n. A uniting of business companies. (mæ:dʒ).

me'ridian, n., a. (Sun's position at) 12 a.m.; star's highest point; point of greatest development, power etc.; great circle round the earth through a given place and through the 2 POLES; half such circle. **me'ridional**, a. Of the S., of S. France or Europe; of a meridian. (mæ'ridiən).

me'ringue, n. Cake made of white part of egg and sugar cooked in slow oven. (mæ'raŋ).

me'rino, n. Sort of sheep; soft thread or cloth made of its wool or of thin wool and cotton. (mæ'ri:nou).

'merit, r. n. Good quality. 2. v.t. Have a right to (reward, punishment etc.). **meri'torious**, a. With a right to reward or approval. (merit).

'mermaid, **'merman**, [Fict.] nn. Fish-tailed woman, man, living in the sea. (mæ:meid, mæ:man).

'merry, a. Laughing, happy, bright. **Make m.**, have time of pleasure-making, amusement. **'merriment**, n. Amusement, pleasure; being merry. **'m-go-round**, n. Turning circle of wood horses etc. in amusement place. **'m-making**, n. Pleasure-making. **-thought**, n. Forked chest-bone of fowl. (meri).

me'seems, [Old] v. It seems to me. (mi'si:mz).

mesh, r. n. One of the spaces in a net. **Mm.**, sp., net; designing trick. 2. v.t. & i. Take in a net; (of toothed wheels) be fixed one into another. (meʃ).

'mesmerism, n. (Power of producing) condition (as) of sleep caused by suggestion on part of another. **mes'meric**, a. **'mesmerize**, v.t. Make use of mesmerism on. (mezmarizəm).

mess, r. n. Unordered or dirty condition; trouble, condition of doing badly; group of men in army or ship tak-

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ing their meals together; their meal or room for meals; [Old] plate of food. 2. v.t. & i. Make in a m. *M. about*, do a little work here and there. *'m.-mate*, n. One of the same mess, sp. on a ship. *'-y*, a. In a mess. (mes).

'message, n. News, words, sent to a person. *'messenger*, n. One who takes a message. ('mesidʒ).

Mes'siah, n. One whose coming was looked for by Jews so that they might be made free; Christ. (mi'saia).

Messrs. See MR.

'messuage, [Law] n. House with out-buildings and land. ('meswidʒ).

met. See MEET.

me'tabolism, n. Chemical building up and destruction of the substance of a living body. *meta'bolic*, a. (mi'tabelizm).

'metal, i. n. Any of a certain division of chemically simple substances, such as gold, iron, tin; substance of mixed metal; broken stone for road-making. *Mm.*, rails of a railway. 2. v.t. Put m. on (road). *me'tallic*, a. (As) of metal. *me'tallurgy* ('metələ:dʒi), n. Art of separating metal from ore, or of working in metal. ('metl).

meta'morphosis, n. Marked change of form or qualities. *meta'morphose* (metə'mɔ:fəʊz), v.t. Get completely changed. (metə'mɔ:fəsis.)

'metaphor, n. (Example of) the use of words about something other than what is normally named by them, but looked on as like, parallel. ('metəfə).

meta'physics, n. (Branch of knowledge to do with) theories about questions of knowledge, being, etc., of which no test is possible. *meta'physical*, a. *meta'physician*, n. (metə'fiziks).

mete, v.t. [Old] Get measured. *M. out*, give (punishment, reward etc.). (mi:t).

'meteor, n. Small body moving quickly from far-off space and becoming bright near the earth. *mete'oric*, a. Sp., bright and sudden as a meteor. *'-ite*, n. Meteor which has come to earth. ('mi:tiə).

meteo'rology, n. Science of weather. (mi:tiə'rələdʒi).

'meter, n. Apparatus recording automatically the amount of gas etc. going through it. ('mi:tə).

me'thinks (methought), [Old] v. It seems to me. (mi'θiŋks (mi'θə:t)).

'method, n. Way of doing something; a system, order, in doing, acting. *me'thodial*, a. (Given to) using, marked by, a system. ('meθəd).

'Methodist, n. One of any of the groups of Christians supporting teaching of John Wesley. ('meθədɪst).

'methyated spirit, n. Form of alcohol made unpleasing to taste and used for burning. ('meθileitid 'spirit).

MICROPHONE

me'ticulous, a. Giving great attention to details. (mi'tikjʊləs).

'metier, [F.] n. One's special work, what one does best. ('metiei).

'metre, n. (Any special) verse rhythm; unit of measure, 39·37 inches. *'metric* ('metrik), a. *M. system*, system of weights and measures based on the metre, in which units go up in tens, hundreds etc. *'metrical*, a. Of or in verse rhythm; using measuring. ('mitə).

'metronome, n. Instrument for marking time in music. ('metrənəʊm).

me'tropolis, n. Chief town of a country.

metro'politan, i. a. Of a metropolis. 2. n. ARCHBISHOP in Church of Rome. (mi'trəpəlɪs).

'mettle, n. The power, quality, which a person, horse etc., has of putting up with things, being without fear etc. *On one's m.*, moved to do one's best. *'-d*, *'-some*, aa. Having much mettle. ('metl).

mew, [Let.] n. GULL. (mju:).

mew, v.t. Keep shut up in prison etc.

mew, mi'əʊw, nn., vv.i. Sound made by a cat. (mju:, mi'əʊ).

mews, n. Square or street with buildings for horses, carriages etc. (mju:z).

'mezzanine, n., a. (Floor) between street level and 1st floor. ('mezəni:n).

'mezzo, [Mus.] adv. Half, in part.

'm.-so'prano, n., a. (One with) voice between SOPRANO and CONTRALTO. ('medzəʊ).

'mezzotint, n. (Picture made by) printing from metal plate which has been made rough. ('medzəʊtɪnt).

mi'asma, n. Unhealthy mist, gas, going up from low, wet land. (mi'azmə).

'mica, n. Hard, glass-like substance present in certain sorts of stone, readily broken into thin leaves. ('maikə).

mice. See MOUSE.

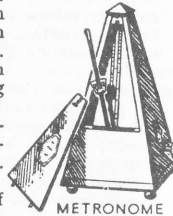
'Michaelmas, n. SAINT Michael's day, September 29th. ('mɪklməs).

'microbe, n. Very small plant or animal, sp. as cause of disease or making things go bad. ('maikrəʊb).

'microcosm, n. Something, sp. man, in which all existence may be seen on a small scale; system etc. like some other but on a very small scale. ('maikrəʊkɒzm).

mi'crometer, n. Instrument for measuring very small things. (mai'krɒmɪtə).

'microphone, n. Instrument for making sounds louder, as used in telephone, radio etc. ('maikrəfəʊn).



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MICROSCOPE

'microscope, n. Apparatus with special glass(es) by which very small things may be seen as of greater size. *micro'scopic*, a. Sp., able to be seen only with a microscope. ('maɪkrəskəʊp).

'microtome, [Sc.] n. Instrument for cutting material into very thin leaves. ('maɪkrətəʊm).

mid, a. In the middle, between. *In m. air*, up in the air. *'-lands*, n. pl. Middle part of England. *'-most*, a. Completely in the middle. *'-way*, adv. In the middle, half-way. (mid).

mid-, (In) the middle of. ('-day, '-night, '-summer, '-winter).

'midden, n. Mass of waste material. ('mɪdn).

'middle, i. a. At an equal distance from 2 or more points; having the same number of things on 2 or more opposite sides; between 2 opposite qualities, degrees etc. 2. n. M. point, position, part. *M. Ages*, time between 1000 and 1400 or, in wider sense, 600 and 1500; *m. class(es)*, that or those between highest and lowest orders of society. *m.-aged*, a. Not young or old. *'-man*, n. Trader marketing goods got from producers. *'-weight*, n. BOXER of highest weight under HEAVYWEIGHT.

'midding, a. Not very good or very bad. ('mɪdɪŋ).

midge, n. Very small insect. *'-t*, n. Very small person. (mɪdʒ).

'midriff, [Old] n. DIAPHRAGM of body. ('mɪdrɪf).

'midshipman, *'middy*, nn. Man having lowest position with commission in sea force, still undergoing training. ('mɪdʃɪpmən, 'mɪdi).

midst, i. n. Only in the m. of, in the middle of; in our m., among us. 2. [Let.] prep. Among. (mɪdst).

'midwife, n. Woman who takes care of women who are giving birth. *'-ry* ('mid-wɪfəri), n. OBSTETRICS. ('mɪdwaɪf).

mien, [Let.] n. Person's look, general air. (mi:n).

might. See MAY.

might, n. Great power, force. *With m. and main*, with all one's power. *'-y*, a. Sp., of great size; [Com.] very. (maɪt).

migno'nette, n. Plant with sweet-smelling, green-brown flowers. (mɪnjə'net).

'migraine, n. Bad nerve-pain in the head. ('mɪ:greɪn).

mi'grate, v.i. Make a change in one's living-place; (of birds etc.) come and go at different times of the year. *'migrant*, n., a. (Bird) which migrates. *'migratory*, n., a. (mai'greɪt).

mi'kado, n. Old name for ruler of Japan. (mi'ka:dəʊ).

milch, a. Giving, kept for, milk. (mɪltʃ).

mild, a. Kind, soft; (of taste) not strong or sharp; (of weather) not cold. (maɪld).

MIMIC

'mildew, n. Growth of very small FUNGI forming on plants, or on paper, leather etc., kept in wet place. ('mɪldju:).

mile, n. Unit of measure, 1,760 yards.

'mil(e)age, n. Distance in miles.

'-stone, n. Roadside stone giving number of miles to some place. (maɪl).

'militant, a. Ready for fighting. ('mɪlɪtənt).

'military, a. Of, for, the army or war on land. *The m.*, men of the army. *'militarism*, n. Military outlook; the valuing of military force overmuch. ('mɪlɪtəri).

'militate, v.i. Be acting as an argument, a force, (against). ('mɪlɪteɪt).

mi'litia, n. Force of trained men not in the regular army, for use in time of need. (mi'lɪʃə).

milk, i. n. White liquid produced in the bodies of some sorts of female animals as food for their young, sp. that of cows. 2. v.t. Get the m. from. *'-maid*, n. Woman milking cows, making butter etc. *'-man*, n. Trader in milk. *'-sop*, n. Man who is soft, feeble. *'m.-tooth*, n. Any of the first teeth a baby or young animal gets. *'-y*, a. Sp., white like milk. *The M. Way*, the GALAXY. (mɪlk).

mill, i. n. (Building housing) machine for crushing sp. grain; sorts of machine for other processes; great building where goods are made by machine. 2. v.t. Get crushed etc. in a m. *Milled edge*, edge of bit of money etc. with lines cut on it by machine. *'-board*, n. Thick cardboard. *'-stone*, n. One or other of the 2 between which grain is crushed. (mɪl).

mil'ennium, n. 1,000 years. *The m.*, the future time when everyone will be completely happy. (mi'lenɪəm).

'millepede, n. Small worm-like animal with great number of legs. ('mɪlɪpɪd).

'millet, n. Grain plant with very small seeds. ('mɪlɪt).

'milli-, 1/1,000th of. ('-gram, '-litre, '-metre). ('mɪli-).

'million, n. 1,000,000,000. ('mɪljə:d).

'milliner, n. Maker of, trader in, women's hats. *'-y*, n. (The making of) hats. ('mɪlɪnə).

'million, n. 1,000,000. *'-aire*, n. Man with 1,000,000 pounds, dollars etc.; man who is very well-off. ('mɪljən).

milt, n. SORT ROE. (mɪlt).

'mimeograph, n. Apparatus for copying letters etc. with STENCIL. ('mɪmiəʊgrə:f).

'mimic, i. a. Seeming only, acted. 2. n. Person who mimics others. 3. v.t. (mimicked). Be copying talk, behaviour, of, sp. to give amusement; be very like. *mime* (maɪm), i. n. Sort of Gk. or Rom. play in which actors mimicked great persons etc. 2. v.i. Mimic. *mi'metic* (mi'metɪk), a. Of, given to, mimicking. ('mɪmɪk).

MIMOSA

mi'mosa, n. Sorts of plant with ball-like yellow flowers. (mi'mouza).
'minaret, n. Tall round structure on top of mosque. ('minaret).
'minatory, a. THREATENING. ('minətəri).
mince, i. v.t. & i. Get (meat etc.) cut up very small; take short, delicate steps; say (words) with unnatural care. *Not m. matters*, say openly what is in one's mind. 2. n. Minced meat. **'-meat**, n. Dry, minced fruit mixed with sugar, fat etc. **'-pie**, n. One with mincemeat in it. (mins).
mind, i. n. Seat of conscious thought, feeling, desire; power of thought; desire, purpose; memory. *Of one m.*, in complete agreement; *on one's m.*, troubling one. 2. v.t. Keep in one's m.; take care of, give attention to; be against, have feeling against (doing, person's behaviour, etc.). *Have a (good) m. to*, be almost moved, ready, to; *m. one's P.s and Q.s*, take care what one does, says; *m. you come etc.*, be certain to come etc. **'-ful**, a. Only m. of, giving thought or care to. (mind).
mine, pron., a. (The ones which are) to do with me, my property. (main).
mine, i. n. Deep hole made in earth to get coal, metals etc.; hole under earth where gunpowder etc. is placed ready to go off when desired; apparatus put in sea for damaging ships by bursting. *M. of (knowledge etc.)*, that from which much knowledge etc. may be got. 2. v.t. Get from a m.; make a hole under; put a m. under or in. **'m.-field**, n. Part of sea where mines are. **'layer**, n. Ship putting down mines. **'-r**, n. Sp., worker in a mine. **'sweeper**, n. Ship getting up mines.
'mineral, n., a. Substance, not animal or plant, got from earth by mining. **'m.-water**, n. Water with mineral(s) in. ('minərəl).
'mingle, v.t. & i. Make or become mixed, or mixed with. *M. with*, sp., go among. **'-d**, a. Mixed. ('mingl).
'miniature, i. n. Picture of person painted on small scale; small-scale copy. 2. a. Small-scale, very small. ('minɪtʃə).
'minim, [Mus.] n. Note equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ SEMI-BREVE; very small unit of liquid measure. ('minim).
'minimize, v.t. Make, take to be, the minimum. **'minimum** (minima), n., a. Least possible or recorded degree or amount (of). ('minimaɪz).
'minion, n. One made much of by, the servant of, person in high position. ('minjən).
'minister, i. n. Person at head of branch of government; government representative in another country; Christian PRIEST. 2. v.i. Give help (to) by waiting on, taking care of when ill. **minis'terial** (minis'tiəriəl), a. Sp., of or on side of

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Government in power. **minis'tration**, n. Giving of help, sp. to the ill and poor.
'ministry, n. Position of, time of being, a church minister; the ministers of a Church; position of a government minister; the ministers forming a Government. (ministə).
mink, n. (Much-valued skin of) sort of small, dark-brown animal. (mɪŋk).
'minnow, n. Very small river-fish. ('minou).
'minor, i. a. Smaller, less important, of 2 units or groups; the younger of 2 brothers (*Jones m.*); [Mus.] (of key, scale) having 1½ TONES between keynote and 3rd note played. 2. [Law] n. Person in his minority. **mi'nority**, n. [Law] opp. MAJORITY; the smaller of 2 groups of persons, sp. giving different decision on some question. ('maɪnə).
'minster, n. Church, used sp. as name of great church (*York M.*, etc.). ('minstə).
'minstrel, [Hist.] n. Journeying song-maker or player of music. **'-sy**, n. Minstrel's art, songs. ('minstrəl).
mint, n. Sort of plant whose leaves are used in cooking to give a taste. (mint).
mint, i. n. Place where money is made by government authority. *M. of money*, great amount of it. 2. v.t. Make (money) by stamping metal.
minu'et, n. (Music for) old-time slow dance for 2 persons. (minju'et).
'minus, i. prep. Taking away; less by (for which [Math.] the sign is "-"); without. 2. a. Only a m. quantity, one less than 0; *m. sign*, the sign "-". ('mainəs).
'minute, i. $\frac{1}{60}$ of an hour; a short time; $\frac{1}{90}$ of a DEGREE in angle-measure. ('minit).
'minute, i. n. Note, statement, on question for use of authorities. *Mm.*, sp., record of society's meeting(s). 2. v.t. Put in the mm. **'m.-book**, n. One for society's minutes.
mi'nutie, a. Very small; going into every detail. (mai'nju:t).
mi'nutiae, n. pl. Unimportant points, small details. (mai'nju:ʃi:).
minx, n. Forward girl using tricks. (mɪŋks).
'miracle, n. Event looked on as caused by other than natural powers; strange event; surprisingly good example of some quality. **'m.-play**, n. Play based on story of Christ. **mi'raculous** (mi'rak-juləs), a. ('mirəkl).
'mirage, n. Effect giving seeming existence to something, such as water and trees in a sand waste, produced by condition of the air. ('mɪrɑ:ʒ).
'mire, n. Wet land; wet earth. ('maɪə).
'mirror, i. n. Looking-glass. 2. v.t. Give back a picture of. ('mɪrə).
mirth, n. Being happy and bright, laughing. (mɜ:θ).

MIS-

mis-, Bad(ly), wrong(ly). **-appropriate** (v.t.), **-behave**, **-calculate**, **-chance** (n.), **-count**, **-deed**, **-direct** (v.t.), **-govern**, **-inform**, **-interpret**, **-judge** (v.t.), **-quote**, **-read**, **-spell** (v.t.), **-state** (v.t.).
misad'venture, n. (Event marked by) unhappy chance. (misəd'ventʃə).
misal'iance, n. Being married to someone lower in society. (misə'laɪəns).
'misanthrope, n. Hater of man. **mis-an'thropic**, a. ('mizənθrəpɪk).
'misap'ply, v.t. Make use of (knowledge etc.) in wrong way. ('misə'plai).
'misapprehend, v.t. Get a wrong idea of (what is said, etc.). ('misəpri'hend).
mis'carry, v.i. Not have desired outcome; (of letter) not get to where it is sent.
mis'carriage, n. Sp., giving birth before the right time. *M. of justice*, wrong judging, punishment, of person. (mis'kəri).
miscel'aneous, a. Of different sorts.
mis'cellany (mi'seləni), n. Group of different sorts of things, sp., a book with writings of different persons. (misi'leɪnjəs).
'mischief, n. Damage done on purpose; tricks etc. designed to give trouble. *Get into, be up to, m.*, be moved to, be doing, some m., not very serious wrongdoing; *make m.*, be a cause of bad feeling between others by unwise talk etc.
'mischievous, a. Causing trouble, damage; full of tricks. ('mistʃɪf).
'miscon'ceive, v.t. Get a wrong idea of. ('miskən'si:v).
mis'conduct, n. Bad behaviour. **mis-con'duct**, v.t. CONDUCT (undertaking, oneself) badly. (mis'kɒndəkt).
'miscon'strue, v.t. Take in wrong sense. ('miskən'stru:).
'miscreant, n. Very bad person. ('miskriənt).
'misdeal, v.i., n. (In card play) give out cards wrongly. ('mis'di:l).
misde'meanour, n. Not very serious crime. (misdɪ'mi:nə).
mis'doubt, [Old] v.t. Have doubts, fears, about. (mis'daut).
'miser, n. Person who keeps his money stored up without using it. **'-ly**, a. Like a miser. ('maɪzə).
'miserable, a. Very unhappy; poor in quality, amount. **'misery**, n. Being very unhappy or very poor. ('mizərəbl).
'misfire, v.i., n. (Of gun etc.) not go off at the right time. ('mis'faɪə).
'misfit, n. Bit of clothing etc. which is the wrong size, form. ('misɪt).
mis'fortune, n. (Event marked by) unhappy chance. (mis'fɔ:tʃən).
mis'giving, n. Doubt, fear. (mis'givin).
mis'guided, a. Foolish, badly guided. (mis'gaidɪd).
'mis'handle, v.t. HANDLE (undertaking,

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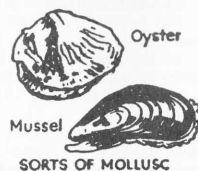
person) badly; be rough with (person, thing). ('mis'hændl).
mis'hap, n. Unhappy chance event. (mis'hap).
mis'lay, v.t. Put (thing) where one is unable to come across it. (mis'lei).
mis'lead, v.t. Give the wrong idea to. (mis'li:d).
mis'manage, v.t. MANAGE (undertaking etc.) badly. (mis'manɪdʒ).
mis'nomer, n. (Use of a) wrong name, word, for something. (mis'noumə).
mi'sogyny, n. Hate for women. **mi'sogynist**, n. (mi'sɒdʒɪni).
'misplace, v.t. Put in the wrong place; give (love etc.) to person who has no right to it. ('mis'pleɪs).
'mis'print, v.t., n. (Make) error in printing. ('mis'prɪnt).
mispro'ounce, v.t. PRONOUNCE (word) wrongly. (misprə'nauns).
'misrep're'sent, v.t. Give a wrong idea of. ('misrepi'zent).
'mis'rule, n. Bad government. ('mis'ru:l).
miss, v.t. & i. Not get BULLET etc. to (place desired); not get or see etc. (what is desired); not be present at (event, meeting); not see (a point); have regret for being without. *M. out a word etc.*, not say or put in. **'-ing**, a. Not in place where looked for, not able to be come across, not present. (mis).
miss, n. Unmarried girl or woman; used before name of such (*M. Brown*, *M. Jane*).
'mis'shaped, a. (Of body) wrongly formed. ('mis'ʃeɪpən).
'missile, n. Thing sent through the air to do damage. ('misail).
'mission, n. Body of persons sent on special work, sp. of religion; their work; some special work which it seems to one right to do. **'-ary**, n., a. (One) teaching religion of Christ to those without knowledge of it. ('mɪʃən).
'missive, n. Letter. ('misiv).
mist, n. Water present in air in drops smaller than rain. **'-y**, a. Sp., with uncertain outline, not clear. (mist).
mis'take, i. n. Error, wrong opinion or act. 2. v.t. Be wrong, have wrong idea, about (person's purpose etc.); take (a person, thing) for some other. **'-n**, a. In error; badly judged. (mis'teɪk).
'mistletoe, n. White-berried plant living on trees, used for ornament at Christmas. ('mistltəu).
'mistress, n. Woman in relation to her servants; woman having control of; woman teacher; woman a man regularly has sex relations with but is not married to. ('mɪstrɪs).
mis'trust, v.t., n. Have no belief in, doubts about. (mis'trəst).
'misunder'stand, v.t. Take in the wrong

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sense. **'-ing**, n. Sp., bad feeling caused by getting wrong idea of something. ('misand'stand).
'mis'use, 1. v.t. Make wrong use of; be cruel to. 2. ('mis'ju:s), n. Wrong use. ('mis'ju:z).
mite, n. Small boy or girl; sorts of very small insect; [Old] $\frac{1}{4}$ farthing. (maɪt).
'mitigate, v.t. Make less violent, damaging, or bad. ('mitigeɪt).
'mitre, n. Tall hat used by BISHOPS (see COPE); sort of join made between 2 bits of wood meeting at right angles. ('maɪtə).
'mitt(en), n. Glove with one division for thumb and one for the 4 fingers; glove with no tops to the fingers. ('mit(n)).
mix, v.t. & i. Put (different things, substances) together to make one mass; put (one substance) *in* or *with* another; become mixed *with* another substance etc. *M. up*, make completely mixed; make out of order. **'-ed**, a. Sp., having qualities, substances, of different sorts. *M. up about*, not clear about. **'-ture**, n. Mixing; mixed substance. (mɪks).
'mizzen, n. Lowest square sail of sailing-ship's m.-mast. **'m.-mast**, n. The one placed farthest back in a ship with 3 MASTS. ('mɪzn).
mne'monic, a. Of, designed for helping, the memory. **-s**, n. pl. Art of, system for, helping the memory. (ni'monɪk).
moan, v.i., n. (Give) low sound of pain, regret. (maʊn).
moat, n. Deep cut with water in it, put round a building or town to keep it safe from attack. (maʊt).
mob, 1. n. Mass of rough persons; the masses. 2. v.t. Come round as m., make mass attack on (person). (mɒb).
'mob-cap, [Hist.] n. Woman's indoor head-dress, covering all her hair. ('mɒkəp).
'mobile, a. Readily moving its position, not fixed. ('mɒbaɪl).
'mobilize, v.t. & i. Get (forces) ready for war. ('mɒbaɪlaɪz).
'moccasin, n. Am. Indian soft leather shoe. ('mɒkəsɪn).
mock, 1. v.t. & i. Make sport of, sp. by copying. *M. at*, make sport of, be laughing at. 2. [Old] n. A mockery. 3. a. False, seeming. **'-ery**, n. Mocking; thing mocked at; a bad copy of some feeling, quality etc. (mɒk).
mode, n. Way in which a thing is done; current way of dressing; form (of something); [Mus.] one or other of the 2 sorts of key, scale. (maʊd).
'model, 1. n. Copy of a thing made to scale; design to be copied; person or thing (rightly) to be copied; one acting as painter's m. for payment. 2. a. Giving a good example. 3. v.t. Give form to (a soft substance); make in this way; make from a m. ('mɒdl).

MOLLYCODDLE

'moderate, 1. a. Keeping to the middle way, not given to overdoing anything; of middle range in quality, amount. 2. n. One with m. political views. 3. ('modəreɪt), v.t. & i. Make, become, less violent, less in amount, degree.
mode'ration, n. Sp., quality of being moderate. *In m.*, in a moderate way, amount. ('mɒdərɪt).
'modern, 1. a. Of the present time; new, of the latest sort. 2. n. One living in the present time. ('mɒdn).
'modest, a. Not over-valuing oneself, not putting oneself forward; (of request) for something not very great; clean in thought and behaviour, not loud or loose. ('mɒdɪst).
'modicum, n. A small amount, no more than enough. ('mɒdɪkəm).
'modify, v.t. Make less in degree etc.; make small changes in. ('mɒdɪfaɪ).
mo'diste, n. Dressmaker. (mou'di:st).
'modulate, v.t. & i. Make an adjustment in sound of; [Mus.] make a change in key (*from, to*). ('mɒdjuleɪt).
'mohair, n. (Thread, cloth, made from) hair of Angora goat. ('mouheə).
Mo'hammedan, n., a. (One with belief in religion) of Mohammed. (mɒ'hamɪdn).
'moiety, [Law] n. Half. ('mɔɪəti).
moil, v.i. Only *toil* and *m.*, do hard work. (moɪl).
moist, a. A little wet. **'-en** ('mɔɪsn), v.t. **'-ure**, n. Liquid in form of mist or in small drops on something. (moɪst).
'molar, n., a. (One) of the back teeth used for crushing. ('mɔʊlə).
mo'lasses, n. Thick, sticky liquid drained off from sugar. (mou'lasɪz).
mole, n. Small dark-grey animal making long holes in the earth. **'-hill**, n. Mass of earth sent up by a mole when making a hole. (maʊl).
mole, n. Small dark mark on the skin.
mole, n. Stone structure for keeping back waves at harbour mouth or joining places with water between.
'molecule, n. The smallest unit into which any substance may be broken up without changing its chemical form.
mo'lecular (mɒ'lekjulə), a. Of molecules. ('mɒlɪkjʊl).
mo'lest, v.t. Give trouble to, do damage to, (person). (mou'lest).
'mollify, v.t. Make (person, angry feelings) quiet, less worked up. ('mɒlɪfaɪ).
'mollusc, n. One of a group of soft-bodied animals, gen. with hard outer coverings. ('mɒləsk).
'mollycoddle, 1. n. One taking over-



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great care of himself. 2. v.t. Take over-great care of (person). ('mɒlɪkədl).
'molten. See MELT.
'molto, [Mus.] adv. Very. ('mɒltəu).
'moment, n. Point or short space of time; degree of being important (*of great, little, no, m.*). **'-ary**, a. Going on only for a very short time. **mo'mentous**, a. Very important. **mo'mentum**, n. [Sc.] Amount of motion of a moving body; force produced by motion. ('mɒmənt).
'monarch, n. Ruler of country, sp., KING or QUEEN. **'-ist**, n. Supporter of monarchy. **'-y**, n. (Country with) system of government by a monarch. ('mɒnək).
'monastery, n. House of order of religion.
mo'nastic, a. Of monasteries or orders of religion. ('mɒnəstri).
'Monday, n. 2nd day of week. ('mændi).
'money, n. Stamped metal or printed paper with value marked on it, which is given and taken in exchange for goods etc.; anything regularly used for this purpose. *M. order*, order got and exchanged at post-office, for payment of named amount. **'monetary**, a. Of money. **'-ed**, a. Well-off. **'m.-grubber**, n. One whose chief thought is for profit. **'m.-market**, n. (Places used for) operations of traders in stocks etc. ('mæni).
'Mongol, n., a. (One) of RACE now in Mongolia. ('mɒŋɡɒl).
'mongoose, n. Small Indian animal noted for its destruction of snakes. ('mɒŋɡʊs).
'mongrel, n., a. (Animal or plant, sp. dog) of mixed sort. ('mɒŋɡrəl).
'monitor, n. Person who gives suggestions for guiding one; schoolboy with position of authority in a school; sort of warship with great guns. ('mɒnɪtə).
monk, n. One of a group of men of religion living together in an order away from other society. **'-ish**, a. (As) of a monk. (mɒŋk).
'monkey, 1. n. Sorts of animal nearest to man in form and behaviour; boy, girl, full of tricks. 2. [Hum.] v.i. Be playing about (*with*). **'m.-jacket**, n. Short, tight coat used by sailors. **'m.-nut**, n. PEANUT. **'m.-puzzle**, n. Evergreen tree whose branches are covered with stiff, needle-like leaves. **'m.-wrench**, n. SPANNER in which adjustments may be made for nuts of different size. ('mɒŋki).
'mono-, One. **'-chrome**, n., a. (Painting) in one colour only. **'-cle**, n. Eye-glass for one eye. **'monocoty'ledon**, n. Plant with one COTYLEDON. **mo'nogamy** (mɒ'nɒɡəmi), n. System by which man (or, loosely, woman) is married to only one person at a time. **'-gram**, n. Group of letters, sp. first letters of name, made into design. **'-graph**, n. Account in writing of some one thing or question. **'-lith**, n. Upright made of one bit of

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stone, as support or in memory of something. **'-logue**, n. Talk, play etc. in which only one takes part. **'-mania**, n. Unbalanced condition of mind in connection with some one question. **'-plane**, n. Airplane with one PLANE. **mo'nopoly** (mɒ'nɒpəli), n. Right, position, of being the only person doing trade in certain goods; goods of which someone has a m.; complete control etc. of something.
mo'nopolist, n. One with a monopoly.
mo'nopolize, v.t. Get a monopoly of.
'-rail, n. Railway with one rail. **-syl-lable**, n. Word with only one SYLLABLE. **-syllabic**, a. **'-theism**, n. Belief that there is only one GOD. **'-tone**, n. Sounds, words, coming one after another without change of note. **mo'notonous** (mɒ'notənəs), a. Without change, uninteresting.
mo'notony, n. ('mɒnəu-).
Mon'sieur, [F.] Word used like "Mr." before name of man who is not Eng. (mɒ'sjə:).
mon'soon, n. Wind blowing in the Indian Ocean from S.W. in summer and N.E. in winter. (mɒn'su:n).
'monster, 1. n. Wrongly formed animal or plant; person, thing, having unnatural size, qualities; very cruel, bad person; [Fict.] sorts of being half animal, half man. 2. a. Of great size. **mon'strousity**, n. Sp., badly formed, not normal, animal or plant. **'monstrous**, a. Of great size; (as) of a monster. ('mɒnstə).
month, n. Any of the 12 divisions of the year. **'-ly**, 1. a., adv. (Done, taking place, etc.) once a month. 2. n. Paper which comes out once a month. (mʌnθ).
'monument, n. Record, building etc., (designed for) keeping person, event, in memory. **monu'mental**, a. Sp., (of book etc.) full of learning; (of qualities) great. ('mɒnjumənt).
moo, n., v.i. Cry of a cow. (mu:).
mooch, [Com.] v.i. Be waiting, walking, about doing nothing, with hands in pockets, etc. (mu:tʃ).
mood, n. Condition of mind, feelings. **'-y**, a. Given to changes of mood; in a bad mood. (mu:d).
mood, [Lang.] n. Any of certain groups of VERB forms, used for different sorts of statements making clear that things are looked on as certain, possible etc.
moon, 1. n. Body which goes round the earth once in a month, and gives back light from the sun; such a body going round another star. 2. v.i. Go about with one's thoughts far away, not giving attention. **'-shine**, n. Light of moon; foolish ideas, fiction; [Am.] whisky etc. made or got into country against the law. **'m.-stone**, n. Yellow jewel-stone. **'m.-struck**, a. Sent off one's head by the moon. **'-y**, a. Given to mooning. (mu:n).

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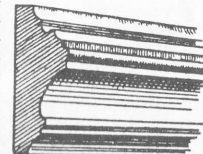
moor, n. Stretch of open waste land.
-hen, n. Small water-bird. (muə).
Moor, n. One of a Mohammedan nation-group of N.W. Africa.
moor, v.t. Get (boat, airship) fixed by a chain, cord, to land etc. **-ing**, n. Chain etc. by which, place to which, boat or (air)ship is moored (gen. *mm.*).
moose, n. N. Am. sort of DEER. (mu:s).
moot, 1. a. Open to discussion (*m. point, question*). 2. v.t. Put forward (question) for discussion. 3. [Hist.] n. Meeting to make laws, make decisions about government. (mu:t).
mop, 1. n. Stick with mass of thick threads or cloth fixed to the end, for use in cleaning. 2. v.t. Go over or take up (as) with a m. (mɒp).
mope, v.i. Be unhappy, feeling low. (moup).
moral, 1. a. To do with questions of right and wrong; doing what is right. *A m. victory*, outcome of fight etc. in which person seemingly overcome in fact makes best effect; *m. certainty*, thing which is almost certain; *m. philosophy*, science of ethics; *m. sense*, power of judging between right and wrong. 2. n. The teaching-point of a story, event etc. *Mm.*, person's behaviour as right or wrong, sp. on questions of sex. **mo'rale** (mɔ'ra:l), n. Self-control, belief in one's powers, etc., sp. in army or other body. **-ist**, n. One given to moralizing.
mo'rality (mɔ'raliti), n. Rules of ethics; good behaviour. *M. play*, old sort of play with moral point. **-ize**, v.i. Give attention to the moral side of things, be pointing out the moral of some experience etc. (mɔ'ral).
mo'rass, n. Bit of low, wet land. (mɔ'ras).
mora'torium, [Law] n. Authority to put off payment of debts etc. (mɔ'rɔ:riəm).
'morbid, a. Diseased; (of mind, ideas) not healthy or natural; given to m. feelings. (mɔ:bid).
'mordant, 1. a. (Of words) bitter; (of pain) sharp; (of acids etc.) biting or cleaning; used to get colours fixed. 2. n. A m. substance. (mɔ:ɪdɪnt).
more, 1. a. A greater number or amount of, in addition. 2. pron. More of something. 3. adv. To a greater degree or amount; longer, again (*never m.*). *Be no m.*, be no longer in existence; *ever m.*, for ever; *m. or less*, to an uncertain degree, about. **-over**, adv. In addition to this. (mɔ:).
morga'natic, a. *M. marriage*, one in which the person to whom a man or woman of high birth is married, and their offspring, have no part in his or her rights, property. (mɔ:gə'natik).
morgue, n. Building where bodies of dead persons are kept till it has been made certain who they are. (mɔ:g).
'moribund, a. Almost dead. (mɔ:riband).

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'Mormon, n. One of a group of Am. Christians at one time noted for letting men be married to more than one woman. (mɔ:mən).
'morning, n. Time from sun-up or 12 p.m. till the middle of the day. *M. coat*, tailcoat with the front sloped away.
morn, [Let.] n. Morning. (mɔ:niŋ).
mo'rocco, n. Sort of leather made from goatskin. (mɔ'rɒkəu).
'moron, n. Person of full physical development with mind still at stage of one from 8 to 12 years old. (mɔ:rɒn).
mo'rose, a. Bad-humoured, bitter. (mɔ'rous).
'morphia, **'morphine**, nn. Substance used medically for producing sleep and taking away pain. (mɔ:fiə, mɔ:fi:n).
mor'phology, n. Branch of biology or science of language to do with forms. (mɔ:'fɒlədʒi).
'morris dance, n. Old Eng. country dance for a number of men. (mɔ:ris dɑ:ns).
'morrow, [Let.] n. Day coming after some day or event. (mɔ:rəu).
'Morse ('code), n. System of long and short signs used in sending news, orders, by radio, flags etc. (mɔ:s ('kəud)).
'morsel, n. Small bit. (mɔ:səl).
'mortal, 1. a. To which death will come; causing death; (of hate etc.) to be ended only by death. *M. combat*, fight only to be ended by death; *m. fear*, great fear. 2. n. A person. **mor'tality**, n. Sp., number of deaths caused by some event; death-rate. (mɔ:tl).
'mortar, n. Vessel in which medical or food substances etc. are crushed; short gun firing high; paste of LIME, sand etc., and water, used in building. **'m-board**, n. Sp., square college hat. (mɔ:tə).
'mortgage, 1. v.t. Give creditor right to take (property) if payment has not been made of debt. 2. n. Mortgaging; agreement mortgaging something. (mɔ:gidʒ).
mor'tician, [Am.] n. UNDERTAKER. (mɔ:'tʃiən).
'mortify, v.t. & i. Get control of (feelings etc.) by giving them no outlet; put to shame; (of living part) go bad. (mɔ:tifi).
'mortise, **'mortice**, 1. n. Hole made in bit of wood etc. to take end of another bit. *M. lock*, one let into wood of door. 2. v.t. Make m. in; get joined by m. (mɔ:tis).
'mortuary, n. Building where dead bodies are kept for a time. (mɔ:tʃuəri).
Mo'saic, a. Of Moses. (mou'zeik).
mo'saic, n., a. (Form, work, of art), in which designs are produced by joining bits of glass, stone etc., of different colours.
'Moslem, n., a. Mohammedan. (mɔ:zləm).
mosque, n. Mohammedan place of religion. (mɒsk).
mos'quito, n. Sorts of winged, biting insect, sp. one giving MALARIA. (mɒs'ki:təu).

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moss, n. Sorts of small plant without flowers, coming up in thick masses on wet stones, earth etc. (mɒs).
most, 1. pron., a. The greatest number or amount (of). *At (the) m.*, not more than; *for the m. part*, mostly. 2. adv. To the greatest degree or amount, very. **-ly**, adv. Chiefly, generally. (moust).
mote, n. Small bit, sp. of dust. (mout).
moth, n. Sorts of winged night insect for which lights have attraction, sp., small sort making holes in cloth. (mɒθ).
'mother, 1. n. Female having offspring. *M. country*, country in relation to dependent countries; land of one's birth; *m. of pearl*, bright inside part of hard outer cover of OYSTERS etc.; *m. tongue*, one's natural language. 2. v.t. Take care of like a m. **'m-in-law**, n. Mother of person one is married to. (mæðə).
mo'tif, n. Chief idea, design, in work of art. (mou'tif).
'motion, 1. n. (Way of) moving; sign made by moving hand etc.; suggestion put before meeting for decision; act of sending waste material out of the body. *In m.*, moving. 2. v.i. & t. Make a sign to (a person). (mouʃən).
'motive, 1. a. Producing motion. 2. n. Feeling, idea, giving impulse to do something. **'motive**, v.t. Give a motive to; be the motive of. (moutiv).
'motley, 1. a. Of different colours or sorts. 2. [Hist.] n. JESTER's m. dress. (mɒtli).
'motor, 1. n. Machine giving driving-power, motion; [Sc.] muscle or nerve producing motion. 2. a. Worked by a m.; to do with motion. 3. v.i. & t. Go, take (person), by m-car. **'m-car**, n. Automobile. (mouts).
'mottle, 1. v.t. Make marked with different colours making no regular design. 2. n. Mark(s) mottling. **-d**, a. (mɒtl).
'motto, n. Saying taken as guiding idea or rule of behaviour. (mɒtəu).
mould, n. Loose earth; soft, fertile earth. (mould).
mould, n. Wool-like growth of FUNGI formed on wet things. **-y**, a. Sp., old, bad.
mould, 1. n. Vessel into which metal or other substance is put in liquid or soft condition to give it a form which it will keep when hard. 2. v.t. Give a certain form to. **-ing**, n. Sp., line of ornament round window, wall etc.
'moulder, v.i. Become dust as effect of time. (mouldə).
moult, v.t. & i., n. (Of birds) undergo



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loss of (feathers) before growth of new ones. (moult).
mound, n. Small mountain-like mass of earth etc. (maund).
mount, 1. n. [Old] Mountain or slope; card etc. on which picture is fixed to give it wider edge; person's horse for going on horseback. 2. v.t. & i. Go up (steps, slope etc.); get on (horse etc.); put (person) on, or give use of, a horse; put (picture) on m. *M. a gun*, put it in position; *m. a jewel*, put it in an ornament; *m. guard*, keep watch (over); *m. up*, become greater in amount. (maunt).
'mountain, n. Very high bit of land going up to point etc.; great mass of something. **-eer**, n. One living in the mountains; one expert in getting up mountains. **-ous**, a. With number of mountains; of great size. (mauntin).
'mountebank, n. Person falsely putting himself forward as an expert, sp., on medical questions. (mauntibank).
mourn, v.i. & t. Be sad about a death or loss. **-er**, n. Sp., one who is present when body of dead person is put in the earth etc. **-ful**, a. Sad, unhappy. **-ing**, n. Sp., black clothing put on as sign that one mourns. (mɔ:n).
mouse (mice), n. Sorts of small, rat-like animal. **-r** (mauze), n. Cat etc. which goes after mice. (maus (maɪs)).
mouth, 1. n. (Opening into) part of head used in taking in food, talking; opening in bag, bottle etc.; part of river where it goes into sea. 2. v.t. & i. Be moving mouth much in saying, talking. **'m-organ**, n. Music instrument played with the lips. **'m-piece**, n. Mouth-part of music instrument or tobacco pipe; one voicing opinions etc. for another. **'m-wash**, n. Liquid for washing mouth. (mauθ).
move, 1. v.t. & i. (Make) undergo change in position, place; take step(s) to do a thing; be working on softer feelings of; put forward as a motion *that M. heaven and earth to*, do everything possible to; *m. in*, get one's things into a new house. 2. n. A moving. *On the m.*, moving about. **-ment**, n. Sp., moving part of machine; united attempt to get something done; chief division of work of music; act of sending waste from body. **-r**, n. Sp., one putting forward a motion at a meeting. **'movies**, n. pl. Motion pictures. (mu:v).
mow, v.t. Get (grass etc.) cut. (mou).
mow, n. Stack of dry grass etc.
Mr. (Messrs.), **Mrs.**, Word put before name of man, married woman. *Mrs. Grundy*, [Fict.] woman representative of society's view of right behaviour in the 1800's. (mɪstə ('mesəz), 'misiz).
much, 1. pron., a. A great amount (of).

MUCILAGE

Be too m. for, sp., be over-strong for; *not m. of a*, a poor sort of. 2. adv. To a great degree. *M. the same*, almost the same. (matf).

'mucilage, n. Sticky substance got from plants. ('mju:silidʒ).

muck, 1. n. Animal waste, material looked on as dirty; dirty condition; food etc. of poor quality. 2. v.t. & i. Make dirty; [Hum.] do (something) badly. *M. about*, be wasting time, doing nothing of value. (mak).

'mucus, n. Thick liquid produced by a mucous membrane. **'mucous**, a. *M. membrane*, special skin covering inside of nose, mouth, and certain other inside parts of body. ('mju:kəs).

mud, n. Dust or earth mixed with water. *Fling, throw, m. at*, say damaging things about. *'-dy*, a. Sp. (of liquid) not clear. *'-guard*, n. Structure over wheel of automobile etc. to keep mud down. (mad).

'muddle, 1. v.t. & i. Put out of order, get mixed, do (something) badly. 2. n. Muddled, mixed, condition. ('madi).

mu'ezzin, n. One crying out the hours for Mohammedan PRAYER. (mu:'ezin).

muff, n. Cover of animal's skin etc., to keep hands warm in. (maf).

muff, 1. n. Foolish person, one who does things badly. 2. v.t. Do badly, let chance of (something) go.

'muffin, n. Flat round tea-cake taken warm with butter. ('mafɪn).

'muffle, 1. v.t. Put warm cover round (*m. up*); make sound of (bell etc.) less by putting a cloth etc. round it. *'-r*, n. Cloth for keeping neck warm. 2. n. Sort of box in which pots etc. are put to be heated in fire. ('mafi).

'mufti, n. (For army man etc.) clothing which is not a UNIFORM. ('mafti).

mug, 1. n. Straight-sided cup; [Hum.] foolish person; [Hum.] mouth or face. 2. [Hum.] v.i. & t. Be working hard at learning (freq. *m. at, m. up*). (mag).

'muggy, a. (Of weather) warm, wet. ('magi).

'mugwump, [Am.] n. One supporting no political group. ('magwamp).

mu'latto, n. One who is the offspring of a black person and a white. (mju:'latou).

'mulberry, n. (Fruit of) tree whose leaves are used as food for silkworms. ('mal-bəri).

mulch, n., v.t. Wet leaves etc. put round a plant's roots. (maltʃ).

mult, v.t. Take money from as punishment; take (something) away from (*m. of*). (malkt).

mule, n. Offspring of female horse and male ass. *'-teer* (mju:'li:tia), n. Mule driver. **'mulish**, a. Foolishly fixed in purpose, decision, not ready to be guided. (mju:l).

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mull, v.t. Make (wine, beer) warm and put sugar etc. into it. (mal).

'mullet, n. Sorts of sea-fish valued as food (*red, grey, m.*). ('malit).

mulliga'tawny, n. A soup with a burning taste. (maliga'to:ni).

'mullion, n. Stone etc. upright, making division in window. ('malɪən).

'multi-, Having a number of. (*'-coloured, 'form*, a.) *'-furious*, a. Of a number of different sorts. *'-millionaire*, n. One with 2 or more millions of money. *'-ple*, 1. a. Having a number of parts. 2. n. Number into which another goes a certain number of times with nothing over. *'-plex*, a. Having a number of different parts, forms. *'-plicand*, n. Number to be multiplied. *'-plication*, n. *'-plicity*, n. Being multiplex, being great in number. *'-plier*, n. Sp., amount by which multiplicand is to be multiplied. *'-ply*, v.t. & i. Make, become, create in number, sp., by births; m. numbers. *M. x by y*, [Math.] get by the use of TABLES the amount produced by the addition of x to itself y-1 times. *'-tude*, n. A great number of sp. persons. *'-tudinous*, a. Great in number. ('malɪ-).

mum, a. Not saying anything, keeping something secret. (mam).

'mumble, v.t. & i. n. Say (words) in way not clear to hearer; be biting (food) as if without teeth. ('mambl).

'mummer, [Hist.] n. Actor in play without words. *'-y*, n. Acting of mummers; foolish, unnecessary forms in religion etc. ('mama).

'mummy, n. Dead body kept from going bad by wax and chemicals, as in early Egypt. ('mami).

'mummy, n. Baby's name for its mother.

mumps, n. Disease, given by touch, increasing size of certain GLANDS at sides of neck and face. (mamps).

munch, v.t. & i. Give regular bites to (food). (mantʃ).

'mundane, a. Of this earth, material. ('maundeɪn).

mu'nicipal, a. Of, done by, municipality.

mu'nicipality, n. Town with self-government in town business; town government. *'-ize*, v.t. Sp., put under municipal control. (mju:'nɪsɪpl).

mu'nificent, a. Giving much, freely; (of thing given) great in amount, quality. (mju:'nɪfɪsənt).

'muniments, n. pl. Records in writing of rights to property etc. ('mju:nɪmənts).

mu'nitions, n. pl. Guns, firing-material, military stores etc. (mju:'nɪʃənz).

'mural, 1. a. Of, on, a wall. 2. n. Painting done on wall. ('mjʊərəl).

'murder, v.t., n. Put (person) to death on purpose against the law. *'-ous*, a. De-

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signing, desiring, murder; (of knife etc.) death-giving. ('mæ:da).

'murky, a. Very dark. ('mæ:ki).

'murmur, v.i. & t., n. (Make) long, low sound as of bees, water in river; say, be talking, in low voice. ('mæ:mə).

'murrain, n. A disease of cows. ('marɪn).

'muscle, n. (Band, group of threads, of) elastic substance producing motion in animal body. **'muscular**, a. Of, in, the muscles; having much muscle. ('masl).

Muse, [Gk. Fict.] n. Any of the 9 sister GODDESSES representative of different branches of art and learning. ('mju:z).

muse, v.i. Be in deep thought (*on*).

mu'seum, n. Building where things representative of art, science, history etc., are kept on view. (mju:'ziəm).

mush, n. Soft wet mass. (maf).

'mushroom, n. FUNGUS valued as food, noted for quick growth. ('maʃrʊm).

'music, n. Art of putting together sounds in rhythm and harmony; sounds so produced; any pleasing sound; printed notes of music. *'-al*, a. Sp., with a love of, expert at, music. *'-al-box*, n. Instrument with toothed CYLINDER playing short bits of music. *'-m-hall*, n. Place of amusement where songs, dances etc., are given. **mu'sician**, n. ('mju:zɪk).

musk, n. Liquid produced by sort of male DEER, used in making sweet-smelling substances; sorts of plant with m.-like smell. **m.-deer**, n. One producing musk. **m.-rat**, n. One with smell as of musk. (mask).

'musket, n. Sorts of military hand-gun. *'-eer*, [Hist.] n. Military man armed with this. *'-ry*, n. (Science of) RIFLE-firing. ('maskɪt).

'muslin, n. Very thin cotton cloth used for dresses, curtains etc. ('mazlɪn).

'musquash, n. (Skin of) MUSK-RAT. ('maskwɒʃ).

'mussel, n. Sorts of a group of MOLLUSCS with hard covering in 2 parts. ('masl).

'Mussulman, a., n. Mohammedan. ('maslman).

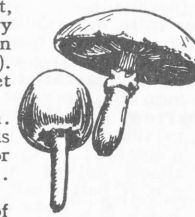
must, n. Liquid of crushed GRAPES, new wine. (mast).

must, v. aux. Have to (do).

'mustang, n. Horse living in natural conditions in Mexico etc. ('mastan).

'mustard, n. Sorts of plant; powdered seeds of these mixed with water etc. to give burning taste to food. ('mastad).

'muster, n., v.t. & i. The getting or coming together of a number of persons, sp.



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MYSTIC(AL)

army. *M. up one's courage*, overcome one's fears; *pass m.*, be good enough. ('masta).

'musty, a. Covered with MOULD, old. ('masti).

'mutable, a. Able, with tendency, to undergo change. **mu'tation**, n. A change. ('mju:təbl).

mute, 1. a. Making no sound; without power of talking; (of letter in word) not sounded. 2. n. Person without power of talking; thing put over cords etc. of instrument of music to make sound softer. (mju:t).

'mutilate, v.t. Do damage to, get a part of cut off, etc. ('mju:tɪleɪt).

'mutiny, v.i., n. (Of body of persons) go against those in authority, sp. in army or ship. **muti'neer**, n. One who mutinies. ('mju:tiɪni).

'mutter, v.i. & t., n. Be talking, say, in low voice with almost shut lips. ('mata).

'mutton, n. Meat of sheep. ('matn).

'mutual, a. Done by 2 or more to one another; in the same relation to, (of feelings) in existence between, one another; common to 2 or more. ('mjʊ:tʃuəl).

'muzzle, 1. n. Animal's nose and mouth; open front end of a gun; apparatus put on animal's m. to keep it from biting. 2. v.t. Put a m. on; keep (person) from talking. ('mazl).

'muzzy, a. Foolish with drink; with mind not clear, mixed. ('mazi).

my'cology, n. Science of FUNGI. (mai'kol-ədʒi).

my'opia, n. Condition of being unable to see far-off things clearly. **my'opic** (mai'opik), a. (mai'oupiə).

'myriad, n., a. A very great number (of). ('mirɪəd).

'myrmidon, [Let.] n. Servant, sp. one doing what he is ordered without question. ('mæ:miðn).

myrrh, n. Sweet-smelling, sticky liquid got from trees. (maɪ).

'myrtle, n. Evergreen with sweet-smelling white flowers. ('ma:tl).

my'self. See SELF.

'mystery, n. Event, act, the cause of which is not (able to be made) clear; condition of not being clear; (air of being) a secret. *Mm.*, sp., Gk., Rom. etc., secret forms of religion; *m. play*, MIRACLE-PLAY. **mys'terious**, a. Full of, covered in, with air of, mystery. ('mɪstəri).

'mystic(al), a. To do with the experience of getting in touch with, coming face to face with, God; having a deep, secret sense, having a strange power, MYSTERIOUS. **'mystic**, n. One who has (belief in) mystical experiences. **'mysticism** ('mɪstɪsɪzm), n. Belief in, the having of, mystic experiences. ('mɪstɪk(ɪ)).

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'mystify, v.t. Make at a loss, not clear about something. ('mistifai).
myth, n. Story handed down from very early times about cause of some natural event, the gods etc.; false belief; a fiction. '-ical, a. Sp., without existence in fact. '-ology, n. Body of, learning to do with, myths. (miθ).

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nab, [Hum.] v.t. Take, get quickly, (sp. wrongdoer). (nab).
'nabob, n. [Hist.] Mohammedan ruler of division of India; man with much money, sp. made in India. ('neibob).
'nadir, n. Point of sky opp. ZENITH; lowest, feeblest, point. ('neidia).
nag, [Com.] n. Horse. (nag).
nag, v.i. & t. Keep pointing out errors, making sharp-tongued protests (to).
'naiad, [Gk. Fict.] n. Beautiful female water-being. ('naiad).
nailed, i. n. Metal pin for hammering into bits of wood etc. as way of joining, making fixed; horn-like substance covering end of finger or toe. *Hit the n. on the head*, say something very much to the point; *pay etc. on the n.*, do so straight away. 2. v.t. Get fixed with n(n). *N. person down*, make him give clear statement of his purpose etc. (neil).
'nainsook, n. Thin cotton cloth. ('neinsuk).
na'ive, a. Simple, natural, without experience. '-té (na:'ivte), n. Being naive. (na:'iv).
'naked, a. Without clothing; open to view, uncovered. *See with the n. eye*, see without help of an instrument. ('neikid).
'namby-pamby, a. (Of person, talk) over-sweet, soft, baby-like. ('nambi'pambi).
name, i. n. Word(s) by which any person, animal, place, thing, sort etc. is talked of or to; opinion which is current about person etc. *In the n. of*, as representative of, with the authority of; *person's good n.*, the respect others have for him. 2. v.t. Give a n. to; say, give, the n. of; make offer of (price, conditions etc.); give (person) the position of. *N. person after*, give person same name as (another). '-less, a. Sp., whose name is not given; so bad that one has no name for it; not noted. '-ly, adv. That is to say. '-sake, n. Person named after another. (neim).
nan'keen, n. Yellow-brown cotton cloth. (nan'kin).
'nanny, n. Baby's word for NURSE.
'n-goat, n. Female goat. ('nani).
nap, v.i., n. (Take) short sleep. *Catch person napping*, take by surprise, when unready or not taking care. (nap).
nap, n. Soft, short, brushed-up hairs or

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threads forming face of certain sorts of cloth.
nap, n. Sort of card-play.
nape, n. Back of neck. (neip).
'napery, [Old] n. Table-linen. ('neipari).
'naphtha, n. Readily-burning oil got from coal. '-lene, n. White, strong-smelling, CRYSTAL substance got from coal, used for medical and other purposes. ('nafθa).
'napkin, n. Small cloth used at meal for keeping lips, hands etc. clean; cloth folded round legs of baby. ('napkin).
nar'cissism, n. Over-great love of, interest in, oneself. (na:'sisizm).
nar'cissus (-i), n. Sorts of bulb-plants with white or yellow flowers. (na:'sisas (na:'sisai)).
nar'cotic, n., a. (Substance) causing sleep or unconscious condition. (na:'koti:k).
nar'rate, v.t. Give an account of, give (a story).
'narrative, a., n. (Of, in the form of) a story. (na'reit).
'narrow, i. a. Measuring little from side to side, opp. wide; of small range; n.-minded; with very little over, almost not (*n. majority*, *n. escape*). 2. n. N. part of sea, river etc. (gen. *nn.*). 3. v.t. & i. Make or become narrower, less. '-ly, adv. Only by a little; with great care, attention. **n.-minded**, a. Not ready to see other points of view, with fixed ideas. ('narou).
'nasal, a. Of the nose; (of sound) produced through the nose. ('neizl).
'nascent, a. In process of development, coming into being. ('nasnt).
nas'turtium, n. Garden-plant with bright red or yellow flowers. (nas'to:jam).
'nasty, a. Dirty, disgusting, displeasing; bad-humoured; troubling, serious. ('na:sti).
'natal, a. Of birth. ('neitl).
na'tation, n. Swimming. (na'tei:n).
'nation, n. Group having common language, history, government. '-al ('na:nl), i. a. Of, common to, a nation. *N. anthem*, special song of a nation. 2. n. Person of certain nation. '-alism, n. Strong feeling for one's nation; desire for national self-government. '-ality (nafo'naliti), n. Existence as a nation; being one of a nation (of *F. etc. n.*). '-alize, v.t. Sp., make (land, railways etc.) into national property; make (persons) nationals. ('neifn).
'native, n., a. (Person, animal, plant) having had birth in, natural to, a place; (one) of other than white nation-group, sp., at low level of development; (of qualities) which one has from birth. *One's n. land*, land of one's birth. **na'tivity** (na'tiviti), n. Birth. *The N.*, the birth of Christ. ('neitiv).
'natty, a. Pleasing to the eye, small, well-designed; well-dressed. ('nati).
'nature, n. The system of natural things

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with its laws, everything on earth other than the works of man; [Fict.] force controlling this; the country, its plants and animals; simple, outdoor, animal-like existence; necessary qualities of a thing; a person's general tendencies of mind, feeling; sort (of *this n.*). *In the n. of a*, like, almost, a. **'natural** ('nat(r)l), i. a. Of, forming a part of, in agreement with, nature or one's nature; not changed or produced by art; not surprising, normal; (of behaviour) simple, unself-conscious; [Mus.] of, to do with, normal scale of C, not SHARP or FLAT (*A, B etc. n.*). *N. daughter (son)*, offspring of persons not married to one another; *n. history*, branch of learning having to do with facts of nature, sp. animals; *n. selection*, theory that those sorts of plants and animals whose adjustment to conditions is poor, in time go out of existence. 2. n. [Mus.] N. note; sign (♮) put before a note making it a n.; person teeble-minded from birth.
'naturalism, n. (In art) the picturing of things as they are, in a way true to nature. **'naturalist**, n. One interested in, expert at, natural history. **natura'listic**, a. Marked by naturalism. **'naturalize**, v.t. Sp., make (person) by law one of a nation which is not his by birth; take (word etc.) from one language into another. ('neitfo).
naught, n. Nothing; 0. (no:t).
'naughty, a. (Of the young) bad in behaviour, giving trouble; taking pleasure in being a little shocking. ('no:ti).
'nausea, n. Tendency to send up food from stomach; feeling of disgust. '-te ('no:sieit), v.t. Give nausea to. **'nauseous**, a. Disgusting. ('no:sio).
nautch, n. Dancing done by E.-Indian dancing girls. (no:tf).
'nautical, a. Of ships, seamen. ('no:ti:kl).
'nautilus, n. Small sea-animal with curving SHELL. ('no:tilas).
'naval, a. Of ships or NAVY. ('neivl).
nave, n. Middle part of church where seats are. (neiv).
'navel, n. Small hollow in front of body where stomach is. ('neivl).
'navigate, v.t. & i. Be sailing, controlling direction of (ship, airplane); take ship on, through (sea, river etc.). **'navigable**, a. (Of sea, river) able to be navigated; (of ship) in good condition. **navi'gation**, n. Sp., science of learning position, keeping direction, at sea. ('navigateit).
'navvy, n. Workman who does rough, hard work in making of roads etc. ('navi).
'navy, n. Ships, men, of nation's sea-force. *N. blue*, dark blue. ('neivi).
na'wab, n. Indian of high birth or in high ruling position. (na'wa:b).

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nay, [Old] int. No; and even (more). (nei).
'Nazi, n., a. (One) of German political group which came into power in 1933. ('na:tsi).
'neap(-tide), n. Tide in which high water is at lowest level of the year. ('ni:p('taid)).
near, i. adv. Opp. far in space or time; almost. 2. prep. Opp. far from in space, time, condition. 3. a. Opp. far; (of relation) n. in family tree; (of side of horse, carriage) left; not readily giving money etc. *N. friend*, one dear and frequently seen; *n. thing*, something almost ending in trouble, damage, destruction. 4. v.i. & t. Come n. (to). '-by, a. Near.
'ly, adv. Almost; from near to, in detail. *Not n.*, not at all, far from. **n.-sighted**, a. Not able to see far-off things clearly. (nia).
neat (neat), [Old] n. Any animal of cow family. (ni:t).
neat, a. In good order, with nothing out of its place; pleasingly simple for its purpose; well said in small number of words; (of alcohol drink, etc.) unmixed with water.
'nebula (nebulae), n. Group of far-away stars or mass of gas seen as bright cloud in sky. -r, a. Of nebulae. **'nebulous**, a. Cloud-like, not clear in outline, purpose. ('nebjula).
'necessary, i. a. Without which some act or condition is not possible; which has to be done; which it is very important to do; which has to be, which is not able to be other than it is. 2. n. Thing necessary for existence (gen. *nn.*) **ne'cessitate** (ni'sesiteit), v.t. Make necessary.
ne'cessitous, a. Poor, in need. **ne'cessity**, n. Conditions, force, making something necessary; fact of being necessary; condition of need; necessary thing. ('nesisari).
neck, n. Part joining head to body; that part of dress etc. round the neck; narrow part of bottle near mouth; narrow part between wider parts. *Get it in the n.*, [Hum.] be given a very bad time, undergo hard punishment; *low n.*, top of dress cut out so that neck, chest etc. are uncovered; *n. and crop*, with force, roughly, completely; *n. and n.*, keeping level in competition; *n. or nothing*, chancing everything in the hope of doing well. '-band, n. Part of dress etc. going round neck. '-lace ('neklis), n. Ornament for putting round neck. '-let, n. Necklace; cover for neck made of animal's coat. '-tie, n. Narrow band of silk etc. for knotting round shirt collar. (nek).
'necromancy, n. Art of learning about the future etc. from shades of the dead.
'necromancer, n. ('nekroumans).
ne'cropolis, n. CEMETERY, sp. of early times. (ne'kropolis).